



Tournament Rules & Regulations

The Birmingham National Wheelchair Tennis Championships provide a valuable competitive opportunity for Canada's top athletes, and up and coming players. The aim of the event is to provide players with the opportunity to both compete for the National singles and doubles titles, and to maximize the amount of match play against other wheelchair athletes.

1. Tournament Committee:

Consists of the Tournament Director, Tournament Referee, & Director-High Performance Programs & Administration. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make adjustments to the tournament regulations as required.

2. Divisions:

Players may enter the following divisions and events:

- Men's Singles & Doubles
- Women's Singles & Doubles
- Quad Singles & Doubles
- Junior Singles & Doubles, subject to # of entries and court availability

Divisions will be run if there are 2 or more entries. With 2 entries ranking points will be awarded however the prize money distribution will be adjusted.

3. Entries:

The final entry list will be posted on the Tennis Canada web site in a PDF format on October 18th. Other online versions of the entry list may not be final.

Players eligible for the Quad division may only enter that division. In the case of not enough quad division players to make a doubles draw, the players will be allowed to compete in the men's or women's divisions as applicable.

Adult players may enter a maximum of 2 events.

Doubles:

The doubles format of all divisions will be single elimination. When there are 3 teams in doubles it will be the discretion of the Tournament Committee to determine if a round robin or single elimination format will be used.

Players are requested to specify their doubles partner at the time of entry, or to communicate their partners name to the Tournament Referee before the entry deadline. To be guaranteed entry into the doubles event a player must enter with a doubles partner. If after the entry deadline there are unpaired

players the Tournament Committee will follow the process outlined below to finalize the doubles entries:

a) Pair players in order of singles Rogers ranking

-unranked players will be paired randomly by the Referee

b) Add a player to even the draw sizes to allow all players to compete. The Tournament Committee will make every effort to locate another player however this may not always be possible.

4. Schedule:

The Men's, Women's, and Quad divisions will begin on Thursday November 4th.

5. Tournament Desk:

Please check-in at the tournament desk upon arrival for your match. Report back to the tournament desk after your match, win or lose, to determine your next match time.

6. Rules & Code of Conduct

The tournament will be governed by the Tennis Canada 2021 Rules of the Court.

English: <file:///C:/Users/jpetras/Downloads/Rules%20of%20the%20Court%202021.pdf>

If a situation arises that is not covered by the Tennis Canada Rules of the Court then the ITF rules may apply.

7. Tournament Ball:

Wilson US Open Extra Duty

8. Singles Draw formats:

The final format for each division will be dependent on the number of entries and court availability. Final decisions will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

*Please note that the descriptions below are for the exact # of entries listed. If the # of entries vary then adjustments will be made to the format as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Committee.

Possible draw formats include the following:

a) Compass Format:

The compass format includes both round robin play, and elimination draws (flights). Although some of the matches in the round robin may be challenging, the elimination draws will provide a more balanced level of match play. Players are required to participate in both the round robin and elimination draws.

12 entries (4 pools of 3 players)

- round robin play
- four #1 finishers & four #2 finishers move in Championship Flight Qualification draw
- winners of Championship Flight Qualification draw move to Championship Flight with play-off for positions 1-4, losers move to Flight 1 with play-off matches for positions 4-8

- four #3 finishers move into Flight 2 with play-off matches for positions 9-12

16 entries (4 pools of 4 players)

- round robin play
- four #1 finishers & four #2 finishers move in Championship Flight Qualification draw
- winners of Championship Flight Qualification draw move to Championship Flight with play-off for positions 1-4, losers move to Flight 1 with play-off matches for positions 5-8
- four #3 finishers & four #4 finishers move into Flight 2 with play-off matches for positions 9-16

b) Single Elimination draw with Feed-in Consolation and Placement Play-offs

17 or greater players

- Single elimination draw with feed-in consolation
- Top 8 placement play-offs
- Losing main draw quarter-finalists feed into the consolation draw
- The winner of the feed-in consolation places 5th

c) Round Robin:

6-11 entries

- two round robin pools
- crossover semi-finals
- finals

4-5 entries

- one round robin pool
- no final

3 entries

- one round robin pool
- no final

d) Single Elimination

2 entries

- final match only

9. Draw Procedures:

The draws for singles & doubles will be conducted in public as follows:

- Men's, Women's, Quad Draws: Wednesday November 3, 4:00 p.m. at Tournament Venue

Compass Format: Please refer to the round robin Compass Format Draw Procedures document for details. This document is an example using 16 players. The exact number of groups will be dependent on draw size. Please refer to the Flight draw procedures.

3-8 Entry Round Robins: After the seeded players have been placed every effort will be made to optimize separation based on Province.

10. Match Formats:

Singles & Feed-in Consolation: Matches will be the best of 3 tiebreak sets, with regular scoring, and new balls for 3rd set.

Doubles: Matches will be 2 tie break sets, with regular scoring, and a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set. New balls are not provided for the 3rd set tiebreak.

11. Seeding:

The seeding for singles and doubles will be finalized by the Tournament Committee, and based on the rankings as of October 14, 2021. A number of additional factors may be used which include but are not limited to the criteria indicated below:

Singles:

- Canadian Rogers singles rankings
- ITF singles rankings
- Past National Champion and Finalist

Doubles:

- Combined Canadian Rogers singles rankings
- ITF doubles rankings
- Significant international results
- Past doubles Champions and Finalists

12. Withdrawals:

Players who withdraw from the tournament may only do so for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Tournament Committee. Players who wish to withdraw for medical reasons must be approved by the tournament Athletic Therapist prior to being released by the Tournament Referee from the tournament.

13. Attire Policy:

Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire. Proper attire includes appropriate tennis shoes. Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, non-tennis T-shirts or any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match (including the warm-up). The tournament t-shirt may be allowed for play at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.

Considered as inappropriate attire:

- Spandex shorts, unless worn under a skirt or dress

- Tops or bottoms that have the appearance of beach attire
- Shorts with cargo pockets
- T-shirts, polo shirts or caps with cartoons or text (e.g., “Just Do It”)
- Non-tennis shoes

Provincial Team jackets used for warm-ups do not need to meet specific clothing requirements. However, non-team warm-up jackets must conform to the shirt regulations above. Provincial team shirts may be worn for match play. Shirts must be proper tennis attire and may include Provincial name and logo.

Any player who violates this Player Attire Policy may be ordered by the Chair Umpire, Roving Umpire or Referee to change his/her attire immediately; he/she will have a maximum of 15 minutes to do so. Failure of a player to comply with such order may result in an immediate default.

If judged appropriate due to the circumstances (e.g., temperature of indoor courts, religious factors), the Referee may authorize players to warm-up and/or play their match wearing warm-up clothing, provided that the latter meets the criteria of proper tennis attire.

The Referee will make the final decision concerning whether attire is considered to be acceptable.

14. Toilet Breaks:

All toilet breaks are to be taken off court. Two (2) toilet breaks are permitted during a singles or doubles match, to be taken preferably at the set break. Each break may be for a reasonable time. The player must receive permission from the Chair Umpire or Roving Umpire. Additional breaks may only be permitted by the Chair Umpire, Off Court Umpire or Referee. If a player takes a third toilet break without permission, they may be charged with “leaving the court without permission” under the Code of Conduct.

15. Wheelchair Repairs

Wheelchair repairs must not exceed twenty (20) minutes in total during one (1) match. This is regardless of the number of breakdowns. Doubles repairs must not exceed twenty (20) minutes per team. Delays beyond fifteen (15) minutes shall subject a player to a Code violation under 'Delay of Game', delays beyond twenty (20) minutes will result in a default.

16. Wild Cards

Tennis Canada, in collaboration with the Tournament Committee, may allocate up to a maximum of two wild cards per division.