

Tennis

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Refer to the 55+ BC Games 'General Rules Book' for additional general rules that apply to all sports.

1. Age Categories

Men 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+
Women 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

2. Events

In all age categories

- a) Men's singles
- b) Women's singles
- c) Men's doubles
- d) Women's doubles
- e) Mixed doubles

3. Participation

- a) Maximum of six men and six women per age category per event per zone.
- b) Each participant may enter a maximum of two events.
- c) Where some age categories are under filled, participants from an older age category may play down in a younger age category provided a zone total of six participants per event per age category are not exceeded.
- d) No participant should be discouraged from playing.

4. Competition

- a) **Official rules of Tennis Canada for general play shall apply with 55+ BC Games exceptions.**
- b) **The Host Society Sport Chair will post the schedules, draws and results at the venue throughout the competition.**
- c) All participants should have the schedule in their accreditation package.
- d) The Host Society Sport Chair must avoid having participants within the same zone playing against each other early in the draw.
- e) The best of two, 6-game sets with a second deuce sudden-win format and a standard 70point tie-breaker at six-all shall be the preferred format of play. If the two sets are split between the participants, then a 70point tie-breaker (standard Tennis tie-breaker) determines the winner. An 8-game Pro-Set may be used at the discretion of the Host Society Sport Chair only in exceptional circumstances when time and/or court availability demands it.
- f) When weather or other unforeseen factors resulting in there not being sufficient time to complete the competition, the Host Society Sport Chair reserves the right to use alternate formats, such as no-ad scoring or short sets.
- g) Participants are not permitted to play in more than one age category in the same event.
- h) Defaulted sets would give the winner full points and the defaulter 0 points.

5. Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the top three positions in each age category in each event.

6. Zone Playdowns

- a) Official rules of Tennis Canada for general play shall apply with the 55+ BC Games exceptions.
- b) A set or best of three sets may be used in zone playdowns.
- c) Zone playdowns will be held in men's singles and doubles; women's singles and doubles; mixed doubles where sufficient numbers make this necessary.
- d) If a participant plays double in a younger age category, that participant shall occupy only that slot in the younger age category and must vacate the slot in their own age category
- e) Participants must play in each tennis event for which they wish to be eligible at the Games.
- f) All participants must state clearly on the sport form in which events and age category they will be competing at the Games.