



2016 Junior National Updates

Tennis Canada is pleased to provide a number of updates leading to the upcoming series of Rogers Outdoor Juniors Nationals. Here are the highlights:

1. Tennis Balls: Wilson Regular Duty

We will use the Regular Duty ball for all age divisions and surfaces

- the change is based on research from the ITF, Tennis Europe, HP Department
- the Regular Duty ball will be easier on the body for all players

2. Doubles Format

We will use the following formats:

- U12/U14: regular scoring with 10 point match tie break for the 3rd set
- U16/U18: no-ad scoring with 10 point match tie break for the 3rd set

The change is based on research from the ITF, Tennis Europe, HP Department. For the U16/U18 divisions the move will align to the doubles format used at ITF Junior events. The current doubles format will remain for the U12/U14 divisions for many reasons including providing more/longer match play.

3. U12/U14 Compass Format Draw Procedures

The draw procedures have been updated and attached. A mechanism has been added to correct the situation which may occur on the last chip drawn. If the last player drawn will face a player who was in his/her round robin pool then a correction will be made similar to the process used in the round robin draw procedures.

4. Junior National Qualifying Tournament Ranking Points

There will no longer be Rogers ranking points allocated to the Junior National Qualifying tournaments (ie-U18 Outdoor Junior National Qualifying tournament). This change will align directly with the ITF rules and regulations regarding ranking points for Qualifying and Main draws. Previously the Junior Nationals Qualifying tournament was considered an extension of the Main draw and therefore players in the Qualifying, even those losing first round, were receiving an inordinate number of ranking points.

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