



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WHEELCHAIR TENNIS LEAGUE

PURPOSE: The Ontario provincial wheelchair tennis league is created in partnership between the Ontario Para Network (ONPARA) and Tennis Canada to provide wheelchair tennis players in Ontario with local match play opportunities. The league is intended as a first immersion into tournament play and a stepping stone to International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned events in Canada and internationally.

FORMAT: ONPARA will schedule "Match Days" throughout the year at various locations throughout the Greater Toronto Area. The match play sessions will last between 3 -5 hours depending on court availability and number of participants on any given Match Day. Some of the formats may include Pool Play, Round Robin or Direct Elimination. A full best of 3 set match (with or without 3rd set tie break), a pro set with or without no-ad scoring or other formats may be played. The final format of play will be decided by ONPARA once registrations for the Match Day have been received. Players will be expected to officiate their own matches and report the score back to the designated person on site.

CATEGORIES OF PLAY: Singles matches will be played in an advanced player division. ONPARA will assess the level of players interested in taking part in the league. Should there be enough interest, a beginner/intermediate division may be offered in addition to the advanced player division. Doubles play may be added to the Match Days depending on time and courts available.

COACHING COMPONENT: A coaching component may be added to some of the Match Days. ONPARA will announce this in advance of each Match Day.

RANKINGS: Players will receive ranking points based on their singles results. The ranking points will go towards an Ontario provincial ranking system (similar to the National Rogers Ranking system). The ranking will be updated after each Match Day. No ranking points will be given for doubles results.

PRIZES: At the end of the 2019 season the top ranked athlete in each category (Male, Female, and Quad) will be awarded a prize equivalent to the entry fee for National Championships 2019. There must be a minimum of three athletes in a category for a prize to be awarded.

EQUIPMENT: Tennis balls for the Match Days will be provided by ONPARA. Players are responsible for all other equipment.

REGISTRATION: Players wishing to participate must register no later than one week prior to each Match Day (payment included). Players are expected to arrive at the Match Day on time. Should players need to cancel last minute, they must contact Katherine Hale at katherine@onpara.ca or 416-807-3725. *Registration fees are non-refundable for players who cancel within 24 hours of the Match Day start time.*

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK: <https://owsa.ca/product/match-day-registration/>

COST: The cost for each match day will be \$10 per participant. This will allow for coverage of court fees and tennis balls.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of the need to cancel or reschedule due to inclement weather, ONPARA will notify players by 6:00pm on the day prior to the Match Day.

2019 MATCH PLAY DATES AND OTHER UPDATES:

<https://owsa.ca/wheelchair-tennis/wheelchair-tennis-provincial-league/>

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