

## TENNIS

### Singles/Doubles/Mixed Doubles

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#### QUALIFYING RULES

All first-, second- and third-place winners at a 2022 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2023 National Senior Games.

1. Athletes must qualify in each tennis event (singles, doubles, mixed doubles) in which they wish to compete at the 2023 National Senior Games, except when Rule E applies.

#### ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event. Under NSGA rules, doubles and mixed doubles are classified as events. Therefore, athletes may not compete in more than one age division for doubles or mixed doubles.
2. The age division of competition for doubles will be determined by the lower age of the two partners as of December 31, 2023.
3. Athletes must provide their own racquets and practice balls.
4. Athletes may enter a maximum of two tennis events.

#### FORMAT

1. Tournament formats may include but are not limited to: Single elimination with a consolation bracket for first match losers, round robins, feed-in consolations, modified feed-in consolations, Curtis consolations, no-ad scoring, combinations of these and any other formats at the discretion of the tournament director (s) to facilitate orderly and timely play. The draw format used will determine 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place (subject to change based on smaller draw sizes).
2. Based on sufficient entries, awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place for each event within each age division.
3. The NSGA and LOC reserve the right to change the tournament format for any age division, prior to or after play has commenced in any or all divisions, based on entry numbers, space restrictions, or other circumstances. Formats used may include but are not limited to: Regular tie-break sets, Pro-sets, Fast-4, No-Ad scoring and other modified formats. The NSGA and LOC may also modify the formats of consolation or non-medal matches while playing a different format for medal matches.

#### SPORT RULES

1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please visit the USTA website [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) or call:

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2. If an athlete is entered in more than one tennis event, a situation may arise wherein he/she will have to play more than the USTA-recommended number of matches in any given day. Attempts will be made to schedule in such a manner to avoid conflicts between events. However, it is the responsibility of the athlete to make conflicts known to the Competition Manager with sufficient time in order to reschedule or withdraw.
3. The scoring format for all singles and doubles matches will be two out of three tiebreak sets, in the event of split sets, a match tiebreak (first to 10 points win by 2) will be played. There will be no full third sets. The only exception to this is that it may be modified in accordance with Format, Item 3.
4. Tennis seedings are established by following the USTA "All Factors" method. This includes considering any available information such as USTA rankings, NTRP ratings, UTR ratings, recent head to head and common opponent results and other information available or provided to the tournament chairs.