

## **NTA TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE**

### **MEN / WOMEN / JUNIOUR / MASTER Categories**

For the purpose of tennis development in Nepal establishing a uniform tournament structure is essential. The current practice of piecemeal design of tournaments by all tournament organizers, though greatly appreciated, creates a structure which is making it difficult to maintain a unified points and ranking system, and thereby difficult to evaluate performance of players for national ranking. The NTA thereby with a large stakeholder input, has established the following structure and regulations for all tournament organizations to adhere to for NTA sanctioning need and governed by the following:

#### **I. NTA Sanctioning**

1. All tournament seeking a national point award and ranking inclusion will need to undergo an NTA Tournament Sanctioning Process and will be granted to only those tennis canters/academies registered with the NTA.
2. Tournament applications for sanctioning should be sent to the NTA Office at least 2 months prior to the tournament date.
3. All tournaments need to fulfill the minimum requirements for which all necessary information should be mentioned on the "Fact Sheet" should be submitted to the NTA after receiving the Sanction Approval at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the tournament, which will be displayed on the NTA website [www.nepaltennis.org.np](http://www.nepaltennis.org.np) and the Nepal Tennis Association Whatsapp group.
4. All sanctioned tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and NTA.

#### **II. Events**

All Tournament organizers will be required to follow the following categories of events for sanctioning. Sanction requests for events other than the category of groups mentioned below will not be sanctioned. All categories A. Juniors, B. Mens/Womens, C. Masters can be sanctioned separately but not all together. But Juniors (A) and Masters (C) can be sanctioned together. Category B (Mens/Womens) can only be sanctioned as a separate event.

##### **A. Juniors Category (Boys / Girls)**

###### **Junior Series JA**

- 8 and Under
- 9 and Under
- 10 and Under
- 12 and Under

For sanctioning purpose all four categories are required.

###### **Junior Series JB**

- 14 and Under
- 16 and Under
- 18 and Under

- Open Doubles

For sanctioning purpose all four categories are required.

Tournament organizers can also conduct all Juniors categorizes 8&U/9&U/10&U/12&U/14&U/16&U/18&U and Open Doubles.

### **B. Men's / Women' Category**

1. The tournament category for Men's and Women's Singles / Doubles will be in accordance with the Prize Money as listed below. Any tournaments will be referred to either a Men's or Women's Singles / Doubles tournament in the respective prize money category.
2. Rs. 50 thousand (Singles winner Prize) tournaments for Men and Women
3. Rs. 75 thousand (Singles winner Prize) tournaments for Men and Women
4. Rs. 100 thousand (Singles winner Prize) tournaments for Men and Women

### **C. Master's Category**

- 35+ Singles / Doubles
- 45+ Singles / Doubles
- 55+ Singles / Doubles
- 65+ Singles / Doubles
- 70+ Singles / Doubles

### **III. Court Dimensions**

- 8 and Under - Mini Tennis Red Ball, 36 ft./18 ft. Court
- 9 and Under - Orange Dot Ball, 60 ft./21 ft. Court
- 10 and Under - Green Dot Ball, Full court

### **IV. Match Format**

- 8 and Under (Singles) - Best of 3, 10 Point Tie Breaker Sets
- 9 and Under (Singles) - Best of 3 Short Sets with Super Tie Breaker 3<sup>rd</sup> Set with Advantage
- 10 and Under (Singles) - Best of 3 Sets, with 1st 2 as Regular Sets with 3<sup>rd</sup> Set with Super Tie Breaker with Advantage
- 12&U / 14& U / 16& U / 18&U (Singles) – Regular 3 Tie Breaker sets
- Players those who are playing 8 & U / 9 & U / 10 & U and 12 & U can participate in any two singles events.
- Players 14&U / 16&U / 18&U Players can Participate in 2 Singles and 1 Doubles Events.
- Players Participating in more than One event may have to play Two matches in the same day and with at least 45 minutes rest between matched.
- Match can Only Be Rescheduled / Change of the Match Format in Case of Rain or Any other Unavoidable Circumstances.
- For all 35+ / 45+ / 55+/65+ (Singles) 3 Tie Breaker Sets
- 70+ (Singles) - 3 Short Set Tie Breaker Sets

- All Double Matches Will Have Best of 3 Set Matches with 2 Tie-break Sets, and One Match Super Tie Break Set of 10 points to Decide the Match. No advantage Scoring Will be Used with Receiver's Choice of Court Side.

**V. Seeding**

The tie - sheet will be drawn by the tournament committee based on the latest available singles/doubles ranking of NTA.

**VI. Medical / Physiotherapy**

- For all JA events, an on call doctor and a medical assistant is required at site along with sports related medical supplies.
- For all JB, Men's/Women's/ Master's Category events an on call doctor and a Physio Therapist is required on site.

**VII. Water**

Drinking water is to be provided on the court for players and officials during the matches.

**VIII. Chair Umpires**

- NTA certified Chair Umpires must be provided by the organizers in Men's / Women's and Masters Category
- Adequate roving umpires must be provided by the organizers to oversee matches being played without chair umpires in the Junior (JA & JB) categories.

**IX. Ball persons/Court Assistance**

- Ball persons must be provided by the organizers in Men's / Women's and Masters Category.
- Ball persons for JA and JB events recommended but not required.

**X. Other Regulations**

- A Cafeteria for players, officials, and spectators providing nutritious food.
- Gender separated clean toilets a must with shower preferred.
- A Players' lounge and changing place for the players to rest.
- An onsite stringer must be provided by the organizers on site with string options.
- The tournament committee's decision shall be the final in any dispute that may arise.