



## **2022 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL WHEELCHAIR TENNIS LEAGUE**

**PURPOSE:** The Ontario Provincial Wheelchair Tennis League was created in partnership between the Ontario Para Network (ONPARA) and Tennis Canada in 2017 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 3-6 hours depending on court availability and number of participants. The final format of play will be decided by ONPARA once registrations have been received. Players will be expected to officiate their own matches and report the score back to the designated person on site.

Match play formats may include Pool Play, Round Robin or Direct Elimination. A full best of 3 set match, a pro set with or without no-ad scoring or other formats may be played.

**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 Match Days depending on time and courts available.

**COACHING COMPONENT:** A coaching/skill development 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, which will be updated after each Match Day (similar to the National Rogers Ranking system). No ranking points will be given for doubles.

**PRIZES:** At the end of the 2021-2022 season the top ranked athlete in each category (Men's, Women's, and Quad) will be awarded a prize equivalent to the entry fee for National Championships 2022. There must be a minimum of three athletes in a category for a prize to be awarded.

**EQUIPMENT:** Tennis balls for 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). A minimum of four players registered is required for a Match Day to run. 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](mailto: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://onpara.ca/product/match-day-registration/>

**COST:** The cost for each match day will be \$10 per player. 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 at least 12 hours before the start of the Match Day.

**The schedule, rankings, and any other updates will be posted on ONPARA's [Wheelchair Tennis Provincial League](#) website page.**

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## Scoring Formats

Full Set, Advantage Tennis: players must win games by 2 points, and win 2 sets out of 3

Tiebreaks: to shorten match times, a shorter tiebreak can be played in lieu of a 3rd set if the 2 sets have been split

No-Ad: games need only be won by 1 point; when the score is 40-40, only 1 more point is played. In no-ad tennis, typically the receiver determines which side the server will serve to for the deciding point.

Pro Set: rather than multiple sets, a single set can be played until someone reaches 8 or 10 games.