



2021-22



## Tournament Handbook

[www.tenniscanterbury.org](http://www.tenniscanterbury.org)

# Welcome

This season will see a continuation of Tennis Canterbury (TCR) philosophy: to develop and encourage our junior players through our tournaments. It is our aim to ensure that tournaments are run to benefit our players and families. We appreciate your support in this.

On behalf of TCR we welcome you to this seasons 2021/22 junior tournaments. It is always rewarding to have our courts filled at Wilding Park and Nga Puna Wai with our young, enthusiastic junior players.

The season sees the development of the Trustpower tennis centre @ Wilding Park nearing its completion : Grass courts along with landscaping is completed making Wilding Park a top NZ venue equal to anywhere in the world. The addition of a barbeque area will add much to the atmosphere of our tournaments.

HotShots format for young players will continue and will be run as a separate event within the tournament as a whole. This will continue to be reviewed as the season progresses.

We welcome any queries or suggestions:  
[tournaments@canterburytennis.co.nz](mailto:tournaments@canterburytennis.co.nz)



# Players

## **DRAWS SCHEDULING AND RESULTS**

Once the tournament is published, the draw and game times can be viewed before and during the tournament by going to <http://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com>. Tournament results will be updated throughout the tournament. Draws and updates will be on the noticeboards and screen onsite. Schedules will be emailed daily by 7pm the night before.

## **ARRIVING AT THE TOURNAMENT**

Highlight your name on the sign in sheet outside the tournament office. It is good to arrive for your match at least 30 minutes before your scheduled time. If a player is more than 15 minutes late, the referee may default the player. If you are over 12 years and 3 months please have your vaccine passport ready to be scanned.

Players please upload your pass to: <http://tennisnz.formstack.com/forms/covid19vaccinationsubmit>

## **CLOTHING**

Tennis approved attire must be worn. Clothing from other sports or streetwear is not acceptable. Clothing regulations are explained TNZ Code of Conduct on the tennis NZ website.

## **BEFORE A MATCH**

Before your match is due, go to the toilet, put on sunblock, fill your water bottle have something to eat. Have your racquet ready and your shoes on. Listen for a call over the loud speaker - when your name is called go straight to the office. You will be given your court number, balls and a scorecard. Once you get to your court, toss to select who serves, warm up for no more than 5 minutes - then play!

## **DURING THE MATCH**

From the time players get on court, boys are allowed 1 toilet break and girls 2 toilet breaks during a match (only at the end of a set). No toilet break is permitted after the 2nd set when the 3rd set is a match tie. Do not talk to supporters or coaches. At the end of a point the server calls the score loudly so the receiver can agree. Update the score board at change of end.

If a ball from another court runs onto your court during play call a "let" and replay the point. You call out and signal at your end of the court when the ball is clearly out. If there is any doubt, the ball is in. If it rains the referee will tell you when to stop play. When play stops note on the match card who is serving, which end of the court you were playing and the score, bring the balls and scoreboard to the office.

## **AT THE END OF THE MATCH**

Shake hands or racquet bump, agree on the score, complete the scorecard, and have the winner return the card and balls to the office.

## **TENNIS ETIQUETTE**

When retrieving balls or moving to or from a court, wait for rallies to finish before moving behind a court. Do not return obvious faults. At the end of a point gently return balls to the server. Be mindful of players on adjoining courts.

# Parents & Supporters

Parents and supporters are not permitted on the courts during a match unless a Court Supervisor or Official gives permission. There are viewing areas available to watch the games.

Parents and supporters are there to encourage good play, regardless of who the player is. Our junior tournaments are for learning and developing playing skills, match play, on-court behaviour, dealing with adversity, winning with humility and taking care of your opponent. Don't be afraid to call for help if you need it at any time. Give only encouragement: "Good shot", "Great Rally", or "Well done", not instruction or coaching: "Stay focused", "Move your feet", "Have something to eat". Line calling is not permitted by spectators. Instruction and coaching is done before the match, not during. If a language other than English is more comfortable for you please use the above comments and you may be asked to translate what you are saying.

The match schedule is a guide for start times, as no one knows how long a match will take. Matches will follow an order based on scheduled times which may be displayed. Sometimes the schedule runs ahead or behind and matches may get played out of order if necessary.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

The advice for the players when their match is interrupted is found under 'During the Match' (p4) When the rain stops and the tournament referee deems it safe for play the courts will need to be squeegeed. Please help if and when asked. The sooner the courts are dry the sooner matches can start.

## CATERING

A cafe with coffee will usually be operating at each tournament.

## Please Remember

1. These are KIDS
2. This is a GAME
3. Umpiring is done by players - leave it to them
4. Encouragement only
5. Coaches and referees are there to help
6. Have FUN - this is not a grand slam

# Scoring

It is the aim of TNZ and Tennis Canterbury to have all age groups playing the same format throughout NZ, however the match format may vary occasionally. Check out the match format of the tournament you are about to play in on the fact sheet (available on the website where you enter the tournament). Below is the standard scoring formats for most tournaments:

## SINGLES

### Tier 1 & 2

Three full sets (with a standard 7 point tie-breaker in all sets)

### Tier 3

12 and over will play three full sets (with a standard 7 point tie-breaker in all sets)

11's will play two full sets (with a standard 7 point tie-breaker). If one set all, the 3rd set is a 10 point match tie-breaker.

10 & under (Hotshots Green) play three short sets - first to 4 games (with a standard 7 point tie-breaker at 4 all). If one set all, the 3rd set is a standard 7 point tie-breaker.

## DOUBLES

11's and over will play two full sets (with a standard 7 point tie-breaker). If one set all, the 3rd set is a 10 point match tie-breaker.

10s and under (Hotshots Green) play three short sets - first to 4 games (with a standard 7 point tie-breaker at 4 all). If one set all, the 3rd set is a standard 7 point tie-breaker.

SHORT DEUCE applies to doubles only. The receiver on a sudden death point has the right to choose who receives.

NO LET SERVICE RULE applies to both singles and doubles. If serve touches net and lands in service box play on.



# Officials

Tennis Canterbury prides itself on having well run tournaments and our officials are pivotal to making this happen.

The Tournament Director and Referee work together to establish tournament dates, create draws and scheduling and run the tournament while in progress.

The Tournament Referee and Court Supervisors ensure “fair play” for all players., to mediate on any conflicts between players, and to ensure flow on and off courts. For less experienced players referees will assist players with self-umpiring.



# Sportsmanship

Play with respect, integrity and fairness, respect your opponent and don't use bad language.

During the game, you need to remain in control of yourself, the match balls and your racquet - your racquet is for hitting tennis balls only!

While on court , ensure all electronic devices are turned off.

When you are serving, always call the score loudly and clearly so your opponent can hear. Address any dispute in the score before starting the point. If you disagree and can't resolve it, put your racquet down and get a court supervisor to come to the court to help. Accept and respect the officials decision.

Thank your opponent at the end of the game and ensure you agree on the game score before filling out the match card.

We learn from our difficulties and how we handle them. Enjoy the game. Each point is a new point and you can only do your best.

Doing this ensures you, your supporters, your opposition and the referees all enjoy the matches and the tournament.

# Recommended Accommodation

## **BreakFree on Cashel**

165 Cashel Street  
Christchurch Central City  
<https://www.breakfreeoncashel.nz/>

## **Christchurch Park**

250 Westminster Street  
Mairehau  
<http://www.christchurchpark.co.nz/>  
(Two tennis courts on site)

## **YMCA Hotel Give**

12 Hereford Street  
Christchurch Central City  
<https://hotelgive.nz/>

# Health & Safety

All players under 14 years must have a parent or caregiver present at the tournament facility at all times.

TCR assumes no responsibility once participants leave the Wilding Park facility.

Players are required to sign into the tournament on arrival and when leaving the facility at the completion of their days play (see below) Vaccine passes are required for everyone over 12 years & 3 months.

Players 14 years and over are required to sign themselves out as they leave at the end of the day. Adults are required to sign out the children in their care as they leave.

Entry to Tennis Canterbury tournaments is subject to all players and caregivers adhering to the TRC Health & Safety policies



# Photography & Recording Policy

Photographing and recording of matches by competitors, coaches or parents is permitted for matches in which they are personally involved. However they must obtain permission from the opposing player. If the player is 18 or under, the permission of the players parent or guardian is required.

The recording should be done in a way so as not to interfere with play or distract/disrupt the opponents & spectators. Stationary cameras mounted on the fence should not be moved during the match.

If a player requests not to be recorded, then the request must be upheld.

The recordings are for coaching and player improvement and can't be used for posting to websites, without the permission of all parties.

