

## AGE GROUP

Under 14 (as of January 1, 2026).

## ZONE TEAM COMPOSITION

The maximum team size shall be:

4	Athletes per Zone	(# of females 2 # of males 2)
2	Coaches per Zone	(# of females 1 # of males 1)



## FILL POLICY

- Tournament format will be adjusted according to the number of zones filled.
  - Look at Page 12 in the Handbook for example fill policies, need to keep in mind playoff procedures for how to select fills

*Fills must be submitted for approval to the Multisport Games Unit by **June 16, 2026**.*

## ELIGIBILITY

### Athletes

- Athletes must meet U14 age eligibility requirements as of January 1, 2026 (i.e. an athlete may turn 14 during the 2026 calendar year). Athletes must be 11 years of age by the start of the 2026 Alberta Summer Games.
- Top 8 provincially ranked players (as of the team submission deadline) are not eligible to participate.
- Athletes who have previously represented Alberta at a Tennis Canada National Championships are not eligible to participate.

For Alberta Games Eligibility Policy information please visit [www.albertasummernames.ca](http://www.albertasummernames.ca).

### Coaches /Managers

*All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.*

Teams may be led by two Coaches or one Coach and one Manager. Certification requirements for each setup as listed below. Only chaperones designated as Coaches (who meet the requirements below) may be on-court during competitions.

- **NCCP Certification - Two Coaches**
  - **Lead Coach:** Actively Certified at the Tennis Canada / NCCP Club Professional 1 level or above
  - **Assistant Coach:** Actively Certified at the Tennis Canada / NCCP Instructor level or above
  - **Note:** If a team has two Coaches certified at the Club Professional 1 level or above, they do not need to designate one as the lead coach.
- **NCCP Certification - One Coach / One Manager**
  - **Coach:** Actively Certified at the Tennis Canada / NCCP Club Professional 1 level or above
  - **Manager:** No active certification required, but must complete the Safe Sport Requirements below

- **Safe Sport** - SafeSport Requirements for all coaches and managers by the registration deadline:
  - All Coaches and/or Managers must complete either of the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders or the Coaches Association of Canada Safe Sport Training course
  - All Coaches and/or Managers must complete a background and criminal record check (including vulnerable sector screening) as per Tennis Alberta and the Alberta Games requirements.

*Note: Where a coach or chaperone has been substituted after the registration deadline leading into the Games, they must have the above completed and verified with Mission Staff no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Alberta Games.*

## AFFILIATION

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All athletes, coaches, and chaperones must have at least a Tennis Alberta Recreational Player Membership (free to register). All other Tennis Alberta Membership Classes also fulfil the Affiliation Requirements.

## ENTRY AND ZONE PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

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Zone try-outs to be completed in Spring 2026. Coach positions to be advertised through Tennis Alberta. Named Zone Coaches must submit their planned try-out procedures to Tennis Alberta for approval prior to try-outs taking place. In cases when Zone Coaches are not named at the time of try-outs, Tennis Alberta will administer all try-out events.

To determine the date and location of the Zone playoffs/selection please visit <https://tennisalberta.com/> or [www.albertasummerngames.ca](http://www.albertasummerngames.ca)

## PROVINCIAL GAMES REGISTRATION FEE AND DEADLINE

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All Zone team athletes, who qualify to compete at the 2026 Alberta Summer Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay an individual registration fee of \$80.00. This fee will offset the costs related to transportation, accommodation, meals, Zone identification, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions. *Information on the collection of this fee(s) will be updated by early 2026.*

The registration deadline for tennis is **May 15th, 2026**.

## EVENTS

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### Individual Singles Competition

- All team athletes will compete in the Singles Competition (i.e. 2 per zone). There will be separate Boys and Girls Singles Competitions, each following the same format.
- **Qualifying Round:**
  - Athletes will be seeded based on their Tennis Canada National Ranking, as of the most recent weekly rankings update date, prior to the draw creation date (U14 Ranking used first, U12 ranking used as a secondary metric in cases when U14 Ranking is not available)

- A minimum of four (4) to a maximum of eight (8) athletes will be awarded a seeded position (the number of seeded athletes will be determined by Tennis Alberta, based on the number of total athletes competing and the number of athletes with active National Rankings).
- Seeded athletes will be placed in one of four round-robin groups using the following seeding chart:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Seed 1	Seed 2	Seed 3	Seed 4
Seed 7/8 (Drawn)	Seed 7/8 (Drawn)	Seed 5/6 (Drawn)	Seed 5/6 (Drawn)

- In cases of drawn seeded positions (i.e. 5/6 or 7/8) when seeded athletes hail from the same Zone as the 1-4 seed in that Group, the athlete will be placed in the other available Group (i.e. superseding the seeded draw)
  - The remaining unseeded players will be drawn into the round robin groups, with a maximum of four (4) players per group. In cases where a player is drawn in the same box where another player from their Zone is already placed, they will be added to the next available box position and the spot will be redrawn.
  - Players will compete against each member of their group in single-set matches, using no-Ad scoring
  - Group standings will be determined by Tennis Alberta's Round Robin standings and tie-breaking procedures
- **Championship Round:**
    - Based on the finishing position in each group, the top player will advance to the Championship Flight. The Championship Flight will use the following draw format:
      - Semi-final Round:
        - Winner Group A vs. Winner Group D
        - Winner Group B vs. Winner Group C
      - Winners from each Semi-Final will advance to the final (Gold Medal Match)
      - Losers from each Semi-Final will advance to the 3/4 playoff (Bronze Medal Match)
    - Championship Round match format will be Best two of three tiebreak sets, with no-Ad scoring. In place of the third set, a match tiebreak to 10 will be used.
    - Additional flights, following the same draw format as the Championship Flight, will take place for other finishing positions in each group (i.e. All 2nd places in Flight 2, all 3rd places in Flight 3, all 4th places in Flight 4).
      - Flights 2, 3 & 4 will utilize single-set matches, with no-Ad scoring
  - Tennis Alberta reserves the right to adapt the draw and match scoring formats, based on the total number of athletes, weather conditions, and/or other schedule-restricting factors.

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## PROTEST PROCEDURES

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- All protests during the tournament must be brought immediately to the attention of the Tournament Referee.
- If the Tournament Referee feels it is necessary, he/she has the right to summon the Protest Committee to decide on any protests.
- The Protest Committee will consist of the Tournament Referee, Provincial Sport Coordinator and Host Community Sport Chair.
- All decisions by the Tournament Referee or Protest Committee are final.

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## EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

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All matches will utilize the Official Ball of Tennis Alberta. Players must use regulation-standard tennis racquets and proper tennis attire during matches.

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## PROVINCIAL SPORT COORDINATOR

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## ZONE SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

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The Provincial Sport Coordinator indicated above has been appointed by Tennis Alberta to serve as the primary contact and leader of the association's participation in the Alberta Games. For any questions about Tennis in the Alberta Games, contact your Provincial Sport Coordinator, or visit [tennisalberta.com](https://tennisalberta.com)