



ODSA Championship Cup

Complete Tournament Rules

Tournament Philosophy:

The main goal of the ODSA Championship Cup is to offer **everyone at all levels** great matches and a chance to win the overall title, while also offering an automatic feed-in to B, C, D draws where everyone can fight it out for a title at their own level. For complete details, refer to the Draw section.

Contact Info & Scheduling:

- ⇒ All draw information will be distributed by e-mail and posted on the web (<http://www.odsac.ca/Cup>)
- ⇒ All contact information will be distributed by e-mail and posted on the web (password protected)
- ⇒ It is the responsibility of **EVERY** player to book their own matches.
- ⇒ Book and play as soon as possible because you never know who will be busy later
- ⇒ Please be FAIR about HOME and AWAY matches, try to mix it up for everyone's benefit

Results Entry:

- ⇒ ALL MATCHES MUST BE COMPLETED by the date indicated when each round draw is circulated.
- ⇒ Once complete, results must be entered using the **ODSA Tournament Results Interface**:
<http://www.odsac.ca/League/tournament.php>
- ⇒ The interface ignores duplicate results so there's no harm in both players entering them, but obviously it's in the winner's best interest to enter results. If you can't for some reason, please have someone do it for you.
- ⇒ **IMPORTANT:** Results will *NOT* be chased down... if a result is not entered on time, it will be treated as a DEFAULT (see below).

Referees:

- ⇒ Referees WILL be provided for the FINALS (and possibly SEMI-FINALS) only.
- ⇒ Referees are NOT mandatory for other matches, but are encouraged. Try to get a referee if you wish (and if you can), but otherwise, play the match without and settle your disputes fairly.

Incomplete Matches:

- ⇒ Partially finished matches are *not valid!* They must be replayed, no matter who is winning (unless one party concedes), however, the exceptions are:
 - ⇒ If one player is > 10 minutes LATE for a scheduled match, it is considered a DEFAULT
 - ⇒ If one player is < 10 minutes LATE, the match will be started, but if cannot be completed, it will be considered a DEFAULT by the LATE PLAYER *no matter who is winning*.
 - ⇒ Any time players reach the end of their court time and are kicked off without completing, an effort must be made to find another open court before considering the match incomplete. (This includes the case where one player was late by less than 10 minutes).
 - ⇒ If a match continues past the initial court time on another court, but one player has to leave due to a prior engagement, this is considered a DEFAULT (ie: ensure when you book your match that you have enough time to finish a long match just in case!).

Defaults:

- ⇒ If injury or illness causes problems with scheduling, it will be considered a DEFAULT.
- ⇒ If a player fails to show up for a scheduled match, it will be considered a DEFAULT.
- ⇒ In the event a match is not played at all:
 - I will not proactively seek an explanation. If I am not contacted by either player, I will simply flip a coin on the last day.
 - IF you feel you've made more effort than your opponent to schedule a match, send me an e-mail **AND CC YOUR OPPONENT** describing the scenario - if you both agree, then the person who made more effort will be awarded the match. If there is any disagreement, then I will flip a coin.

Guest Fees:

- ⇒ All Clubs have confirmed that they will waive guest fees for this event, however, desk staff is not always aware of such decisions.... therefore (see next item)
- ⇒ It is the responsibility of the **HOME PLAYER**, WHEN BOOKING THE COURT to double check that the front desk staff knows about this event, and to verify that guest fee will not be charged. If you have an issue - please let me know, but in the meantime try your opponent's club (or you may have to bite the bullet and pay) - in which case it is up to the **HOME PLAYER TO PAY THE FEE**.
- ⇒ Please **DO NOT ABUSE THE WAIVED GUEST FEES** by taking advantage for non-tournament matches! If the clubs are not happy, we will not be able to do this in future years!

Tournament Entry Fee:

The Entry fee for the tournament is \$10. I will be collecting this throughout the season as I see people face to face or may ask that the fee be mailed to me.

Draw Format:

The overall draw is broken into two halves. The Round Robin (until December 23rd), and the Knockout Round (From Jan 1st – April 18th).

Round Robin Portion:

The purpose of the Round Robin Portion of the draw is twofold: One is that it gets everyone active and allows them to size up the competition immediately near them in the seedings. Secondly presents the opportunity to greatly improve your seeding if you feel you are ranked too low. Any player who records 3/3 wins within their own box will be moved significantly higher in the seedings entering the knockout round. This ensures that anyone ranked too low will have the opportunity to leapfrog their competition before the knockout begins.