



OLIVER® ODSA Championship Cup

Complete Tournament Rules

Tournament Philosophy:

The ODSA Championship Cup is a year-long tournament where players are given a few weeks per round to arrange and play their matches on their own courts and time. The main goal of the ODSA Championship Cup is to offer *everyone at all levels* great matches and a chance to win their respective divisions. This year we will be having a triple knockout in 4 draws. Player placing will be based on city league rankings at midnight November 30th.

Contact Info & Scheduling:

- All draw information will be distributed by e-mail and posted on the web (<http://www.odsacup.ca>)
- 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.odsacup.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:

A nominal fee of \$10 (which must be paid online and which will go towards the year end finals and prizes), is required in order to enter. Please go to your online banking website and look for the link that says email transfer. My email is: alastair.bland@cra-arc.gc.ca

Draw Format:

We will be having a triple knockout in 4 draws. More details coming soon.