

Munster Branch Tennis Ireland



MUNSTER SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

1. There are competitions for 3 age groups for Boys and Girls:
Munster Cup/Shield for Boys under 19 on 01/01/2012
Munster Cup/Shield for Girls under 19 on 01/01/2012
Munster Cup/Shield for Boys under 16 on 01/01/2012
Munster Cup/Shield for Girls under 16 on 01/01/2012
Munster Cup/Shield for Boys under 14 on 01/01/2012
Munster Cup/Shield for Girls under 14 on 01/01/2012
A competition will not be held if the entry is deemed to be too small.

Schools may enter the Cup or the Shield competitions in the above age groups depending on the standard of players available for selection. These events will be played off in groups in a round robin format and the qualifiers from the groups will go forward to the knockout sections. The number in the group will depend on the entry.

Eligibility: The following players must enter the Cup competitions:

1. Players who have played on a Provincial or National Junior team
2. Players who have participated in Provincial and/or National Matchplays in the 2 years immediately preceding the year in which these competitions commence.
2. Panels must be submitted for all age groups. See Entry Form.
Such panels will be vetted by the competitions committee and a decision will be given before the competition starts as to the eligibility of the players submitted. No players may be added to panels following the completion of the draws.
No player may play in more than one age group.
3. A team will consist of 4 players. Two singles and one doubles will be played involving all 4 players. Each singles player will then take a doubles player of his/her team as a doubles partner and 2 more doubles matches will be played i.e. a total of 5 matches - 2 singles and 3 doubles. **Singles must be played in order of merit. Order of merit shall be established in the first match played and shall be maintained throughout the competition. National and Provincial Rankings must be adhered to in order of merit. In the event of a player being unavailable, a substitute may be played. This substitute must play in the place of the missing player.** Each team shall nominate in writing its order of play prior to the start of each match. **A school entering more than one team in the same competition shall treat each team as if they were drawn from different schools, i.e. there shall be no interchange of players or substitutes between teams.**
4. **Each match will comprise of 2 tie break sets. At one set all a championship tie-break is to be played.**

5. All matches must be played on a minimum of 3 hard/all weather courts in good condition, properly marked and with nets in good condition. Schools with a problem in this regard are recommended to seek help from local clubs.
6. Home venues in the round robin section will be indicated on the draw sheet.
Home venues in the knockout section will be indicated on the draw sheet.
7. The date by which matches must be played will be set out on the draw. No postponements or exceptions to this rule will be entertained and a team which breaches this rule will automatically be disqualified. Schools may play before the specified dates provided both schools are in agreement. However having agreed on an alternative date then this becomes the official time and date of the fixture.
8. Tennis Balls will be provided by the Munster Branch for all Finals and the Home team must provide new Tournament Standard balls for earlier matches.
9. **Each School team must be accompanied by a member of staff or an Adult nominated by the School who should be acquainted with the Rules and who will supervise the team throughout the fixture. Please check your Insurance in this regard.**
10. It is requested that refreshments be provided by the Home Team. It is recommended that matches start not later than 2.30 p.m.
11. The Competitions Committee of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland shall have absolute power to deal with any matter which may arise which is not provided for in these Rules.
12. Result Sheet to be returned by the WINNING CAPTAIN within 24 hours to the Administrator: -

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