



RULES OF THE COURT 2009 **SUMMARY OF MODIFICATIONS**

In 2009, the following changes have been made:

Tennis Canada Tournament Regulations

- Tennis Canada has added a paragraph on correcting an error in seeding to Tournament Regulation 5 (Seeding).

Code of Conduct

- Tennis Canada has made a minor modification to Article 6 (Suspensions and Suspension Points) of its Code of Conduct.

Officials: Duties and Responsibilities

- In section 2 (Chair Umpire Announcements), the verbiage for a Match Tie-Break with No-Ad Scoring has been added.

Rules of Tennis

- No substantive changes to the Rules of Tennis have been made by the International Tennis Federation.

Modifications and additions are indicated in grey highlighting.

TENNIS CANADA TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

5. SEEDING

The sole purpose for “seeding” the draw is to balance it by ensuring that two or more of the best players do not meet each other in the early rounds. As a guideline, *it is advisable to seed one in four players in a draw and to have an even number of seeded players.* Thus, for example, in a 32 draw with 27 players, there would normally be six seeds ($27 \div 4 = 6.75$, which is closer to 7 than to 6, but an even number is required). It is permissible to seed fewer than one in four, and better to do so than to include players of indistinguishable relative merit.

There are no “musts” in selecting the players to be seeded except that the process should reflect the best judgement of the Tournament Committee, including the Referee. Normally, however, the players’ current rankings (whether computer or otherwise generated), based on results of the preceding twelve months, should be used as the basis to determine seedings. Should other input be necessary, consideration should be given to the following: head to head encounters, most recent results taking into account court surface and the relative importance of the tournament, and the results of matches played against a common third player.

The seeding procedure should be as follows:

- a. Seeded players must be listed on the draw sheet in numbered order as determined by the Tournament Committee.
- b. Every seed position except the first and second is determined by lot, using the following procedure:
 - i. Place Seed 1 on Line 1 and Seed 2 on Line 16 (16 draw), Line 32 (32 draw), Line 64 (64 draw) or Line 128 (128 draw).
 - ii. To determine the location of Seeds 3 and 4, draw them as a pair, placing the first drawn in the top half and the second drawn in the bottom half as per the following Seeding Chart (Figure 3).

- iii. To determine the location of the remaining seeds, draw them in groups of four (4) (or groups of eight (8) where there are more than sixteen (16) seeds), placing them in the order drawn on the lines indicated in the Seeding Chart (Figure 3).

Note: when the number of seeds is not a multiple of 4 (e.g., 6 or 10 seeds are used), the two “extra” seeds (e.g., 5 and 6 or 9 and 10) will be drawn into sections in such a way as to avoid placing them in the same sections as Seeds 1 and 2. Thus in a 32 draw with 6 seeds, Seeds 5 and 6 would be drawn as a pair onto lines 16 and 17 (rather than lines 8 and 25).

Correcting an Error in Seeding. If, after a draw has been made, it is discovered that there has been an error in the seeding, then the error may be corrected by switching the positions of the affected players or teams, as long as none of the players or teams involved have played their first match. Normally, changes to the seeding in a draw would not be made once play has started in that draw. However, if the change can be made easily and without a major impact upon the schedule and the players, the Referee has the authority to make the change even after play in that draw has started.

TENNIS CANADA CODE OF CONDUCT

REGULATION 6. SUSPENSIONS AND SUSPENSION POINTS

Index of Penalties (Suspension Points)

Infraction	Suspension Points
1. Entry	
a. Entering a tournament and failing to appear	1.5 SP
b. Entering two tournaments in the same period	2.0 SP
c. Entering in age category for which he/she is ineligible	3.0 SP
2. Punctuality	
a. Not ready to play when match is called (After 15 Minutes)	1.5 SP + Default
b. Not ready to play after 10-Minute rest period	1.0 SP + Point Penalty Schedule (Code Violations)
3. Attire	
a. Not appearing on court with proper attire	1.0 SP
b. Failing to correct attire after 15 Minutes	1.5 SP + Default
4. Point Penalty and/or each Game Penalty (Under the Code of Conduct)	
a. Unreasonable Delay	1.0 SP
b. Audible and/or Visible Obscenity	1.0 SP
c. Abuse of tennis balls and/or equipment	1.0 SP
d. Unsportsmanlike Conduct	1.0 SP
e. Coaching	1.0 SP
5. Default	
a. Defaulting during the tournament under the Code of Conduct	2.0 SP
b. Best Efforts	1.5 SP + Default
c. Physical and/or Verbal Abuse	3.0 SP + Default
d. Aggravated Behaviour	3.0 SP + Default
e. Illegal Drugs	3.0 SP + Default

- f. Leaving the court without valid reason 2.0 SP + Default
- g. Failure to complete match without valid reason 2.0 SP + Default
- h. Bribes and/or Guarantees 3.0 SP + Default

6. Suspension

- a. Non payment of Entry Fees and/or Fines after 30 days
1.0 SP + Suspension until Fees/Fines paid
- b. Misbehaviour while a Provincial Team Member
1 – 3 SP + Suspension and/or Removal from team
- c. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the game
3.0 SP + Suspension

OFFICIALS: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2. CHAIR UMPIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. Match Tie-Break with No-Ad Scoring

a. Start of match:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, this match will consist of two tie-break sets, with no-ad scoring. A 10-point match tiebreak will be played at one set all."

b. At Deuce:

"Deciding point, receiver's choice."

c. At One Set All:

"A 10-point match tie-break will now be played to decide the match."