

ROGERS FIRST SET TOUR

The **Rogers First Set Tour** is a national program designed to bridge the gap between entry-level tennis and the provincial competitive junior circuit. Originally launched in 2009, the tour has reached thousands of juniors each year at tennis clubs and community venues throughout the country. Last year over 6,000 boys and girls across the country competed in over 450 events. The [program 1 - name tbc] tour encourages players to continue through the tennis pathway to transition to sanctioned competition or enjoy tennis for life.

Boys and girls up to the age of 18 are eligible to play in Rogers First Set Tour – [program 1 - name tbc] events. All events on the [program 1 - name tbc] tour are non-elimination tournaments. These events offer beginner competitors a fun and exciting experience with multiple opportunities to play. Each player is guaranteed a minimum of three matches.

GETTING STARTED

ROGERS FIRST SET TOUR IS FOR:

- beginner-to-intermediate players up to the age of 18 who wish to compete for the first time
- players who wish to compete at an introductory level
- players who have not participated in any sanctioned provincial tournaments

HOW TO JOIN & FIND A TOURNAMENT

To be a part of the [program 1 - name tbc] tour, players must be registered as a RECREATIONAL MEMBER of their respective Provincial/Territorial Tennis Association.

Players must then register for a specific Rogers First Set Tour tournament. For a complete list of province-wide tournaments, [click here](#).

Step 1: How to register for a Tennis Manitoba membership

A Recreational Membership is FREE!

To register please [click here](#).

- Click on the Log In/Sign Up button
- Select your Manitoba
- Agree to Rules and Regulations
- Create a profile
- For membership type, select RECREATIONAL in the drop-down menu
- Finalize account

Signing up for a Recreational Membership does not mean you have registered for a tournament

Step 2: How to register for a tournament

- To Register for a tournament, [click here](#).
- Click on an event in your province & age category (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 or U18) to register
- Click button on the top-right hand corner to enter online

WHAT TO EXPECT?

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

It's a lot to ask beginner players to jump from entry-level tennis to the provincial competitive junior circuit. The Rogers First Set Tour] makes that jump more of a step, allowing junior players to play competitive tennis at an introductory level suitable for their age. Depending on the age category, matches are played with progressive balls and on smaller courts:

- Ages 7-8 – red ball; 1/2 court
- Ages 8-10 – orange ball; 3/4 court
- Ages 9-11 – green dot ball; full court
- Ages 10-18 – yellow/regular ball; full court

DRAW FORMAT

All events on the tour are non-elimination tournaments. Each player is guaranteed a minimum of three matches. Events could be combined boys and girls depending on the number of entries.

MATCH FORMAT

Rogers First Set Tour tournaments use modified scoring formats to provide a friendly introduction to competition and have matches completed in a shorter period of time. Rogers First Set tour events will use the scoring formats outlined below.

Red Ball
(1)1 match tiebreak to 7 or 10
Orange Ball
(1)Best of 3 tiebreaks to 7 or
Green Ball
(1)Best 2 of 3 short sets, match tiebreak to 7 for 3rdset
Yellow Ball
(1)Best 2 of 3 short sets, match tiebreak to 7 for 3rdset

PRIZING

Players receive a prize at each Rogers First Set Tour event. Players can compete in multiple events to collect all available prizes.

FAIR PLAY

Providing a competitive environment in which all matches are contested fairly is essential to ensuring a positive experience for all players. Everyone must work together to make this happen including Tennis Canada, Provincial and Territorial Associations, players, parents and officials.

Players are expected to follow these key Fair Play elements:

- Following the rules of the game
- Treating opponents, officials, organizers, coaches, parents and spectators with respect
- Embracing both victory and defeat with dignity
- Displaying appreciation for a good performance
- Exercising self-control
- Playing a part in creating a safe and inclusive tennis environment by not engaging in any form of maltreatment or verbal, physical or online abuse towards opponents, officials, organizers, coaches, parents, and spectators

PLAYER & PARENT RESOURCES

- **Tennis Matchplay 101** – [click here](#)
- **Rogers First Set Tour – [program 1 - name tbc]: Player & Parent Checklist** – [click here](#)
- **Tips for Parents** – [click here](#)

If you would like to provide feedback on the Rogers First Set Tour -, please take the time out to complete our [survey](#). This short survey will take approximately five minutes to complete.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Rogers First Set Tour events act as a bridge between Community tennis programs and competition. The program reaches thousands of players each year, encouraging them to continue along the tennis pathway whether their aspirations lean towards professional competition or a lifelong passion for tennis.

To view the next tournament steps for players who compete in the Rogers First Set Tour [click here](#). To view the Whole Player Development Pathway (WPDP) [click here](#).

We recommend that U9 and U10 players participate in a minimum of 3 Rogers First Set Tour events before progressing to the competitive tournament stream.

Please note that to participate in Rogers First Set Tour or provincial sanctioned tournaments, players will have to upgrade their Tennis Mb membership on their [Tournament Software website](#) account.

If you have any further questions about the Rogers First Set Tour, please email nash@tennismanitoba.com

RESOURCES FOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

- **Tournament Director Checklist – [click here](#)**

For more information on hosting a Rogers First Set Tour tournament at your club, please email nash@tennismanitoba.com

**for items highlighted in yellow, we are working on creating updated/rebranded PDF versions of these resources to be uploaded onto the website (they will be similar content-wise to the existing versions on the TC website)*