

ROGERS FIRST SET TOUR

The **Rogers First Set Tour** provides young Canadian tennis players (ages 7 to 10) with an opportunity to play competitive tennis in a fun environment. Last year approximately 1,000 boys and girls across the country competed in almost 400 events. [program 2 - name tbc] tournaments are the perfect opportunity for young tennis players to improve their skills and make new friends. The [program 2 - name tbc] tour is designed to provide a tournament format for kids whereby they take part in multiple meaningful matches in a short block of time, making it convenient for families.

GETTING STARTED

Rogers First Set Tour is for:

- Competitors who are looking to enhance their competitive experience and meet the Whole Player Development Pathway (WPDP) competitive criteria
- We strongly recommend players having some competitive tennis playing experience (minimum of 3 events) such as Rogers First Set Tour events or club tournaments
- U9 events (orange ball competition) are for players who will turn nine years old this year or younger
- U10 events (green ball competition) are for players who will turn 10 years old this year or younger

How to join & find a tournament

To compete in Rogers First Set Tour tournaments, players must be a registered member of their Provincial and Territorial Tennis Association (PTTA). Once players purchase a PTТА membership, they must register for a specific tournament on the [Tournament Software website](#). For a complete list of province wide tournaments, [click here](#) (link to our TMB website tournament schedule).

Step 1: How to register for a Tennis MB membership*

To register please [click here](#).

- Click on the Log In/Sign Up button
- Select your Manitoba
- Agree to Rules and Regulations
- Create a profile
- Pay for membership and finalize account

**If players have participated in tournaments previously, they simply need to upgrade their membership type within the [membership section](#)*

Step 2: How to register for a tournament

- To Register for a tournament, [click here](#). (link to Tennis MB tournament schedule)
- Click on an event in your province & age category (U9 or U10) to register
- Click button on top-right corner to enter online

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Tournament Format

The aim of Rogers First Set Tour tournaments is to provide year-round quality matchplay opportunities for advanced U9/U10 junior tennis players. The Rogers First Set tour is recommended for players looking to take **their first step** along the competitive pathway. Take a look at the competition formats below to see how each age groups' matches are structured:

U9 – orange ball competition

- 3/4 court will be used
- Racquet: 23" (depending on child's size)
- Boys and girls combined draw

U10 – green ball competition

- Regular full court will be used
- Racquet: 23-25" (depending on child's size)
- Boys and girls on separate draw

Draw Format

Compass or Round Robin draw format will be used to provide a minimum of three match opportunities to each player.

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. U9 and U10 events will use one of the scoring formats outlined below.

On PTТА website: Specify match format used and adjust table below as necessary(We'll be going with the 8-game pro set or 45 minute timed match so can you highlight that box?)

| 1 set, first to 6 games with no-ad scoring, or 35-minute timed match, whichever comes first <ul style="list-style-type: none">7-point tiebreak at 6-6, deciding point to be played at 6-6 in the tiebreak | 1 set, first to 6 games with no-ad scoring, or 35-minute timed match, whichever comes first <ul style="list-style-type: none">7-point tiebreak at 6-6, deciding point to be played at 6-6 in the tiebreak |
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| 8-game Pro Set (first to win 8 games with a margin of 2 games), or 45-minute timed match, whichever comes first <ul style="list-style-type: none">7-point tiebreak at 7 games all (if no time left, play deciding point at 6-6 in the tiebreak, otherwise, first to 7 points winning by 2) | 8-game Pro Set (first to win 8 games with a margin of 2 games), or 45-minute timed match, whichever comes first <ul style="list-style-type: none">7-point tiebreak at 7 games all (if no time left, play deciding point at 6-6 in the tiebreak, otherwise, first to 7 points winning by 2) |
| Best 2 of 3 short sets (first to win 4 games with a margin of 2 games) <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-point set tiebreak at 4 games all (first to 5 points winning by 2)5-point or 7-point match tiebreak at 1 set all (in lieu of a 3rd set) (first to 5 or 7 points winning by 2) | Best 2 of 3 short sets (first to win 4 games with a margin of 2 games) <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-point set tiebreak at 4 games all (first to 5 points winning by 2)5-point or 7-point match tiebreak at 1 set all (in lieu of a 3rd set) (first to 5 or 7 points winning by 2) |
| Best of 3 short sets up to 4, no ad <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-point set tiebreak at 3 games all5-point match tiebreak at 1 set all (in lieu of a 3rd set)All tie breakers must be won by 2 points | Best of 3 short sets up to 4, no ad <ul style="list-style-type: none">5-point set tiebreak at 3 games all5-point match tiebreak at 1 set all (in lieu of a 3rd set)All tie breakers must be won by 2 points |
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Prizing

Competitors will receive a Rogers First Set Tour – [program 2 - name tbc] prize when they play in their first event and fifth event throughout the calendar year.

Leaderboard

To create a healthy and positive competitive environment, the Rogers First Set Tour Leaderboards are designed to reward participation as well as performance. Points will be awarded as follows:

- Participation Points:** Points are awarded for each tournament a player competes in (40 points per tournament played)
- Bonus Participation Points:** One-time bonus points are awarded to players at the end of the year if they have played in 10 or more tournaments in the same age category (U9 or U10) (200 bonus participation points for playing 10 tournaments)

3. **Tournament Points:** Points are awarded for wins and ties (10 points per match win)

To find out the number of points awarded under each category please visit your province's Rogers First Set Tour page.

Each province maintains 4 leaderboards: Boys U9, Girls U9, Boys U10, and Girls U10. At the end of the year, the top 5 players on each leaderboard are awarded prizes.

On PTTA website: Insert PTTA-specific information about the U9/U10 Leaderboard + links to the 4 leaderboards if applicable(not sure where I would find the leaderboard so unclear about that for now so maybe don't include this part yet)

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 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

Tennis Canada Rulebook: Rules of the Court 2022 – [click here](#)

Player & Parent Resources

Parents are asked to be familiar with the information of the Rogers First Set Tour and tournament regulations before signing up your child to a tournament.

- **Tennis Matchplay 101** – [click here](#)
- **Rogers First Set Tour : 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 are designed to prepare players for entering the U12 junior provincial competitive structure.

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](#).

For a complete overview of province-wide tournaments, consult our [calendar](#).

To learn more about Tennis Manitoba's junior competitive structure, please [click here](#).

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
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**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)*