

TPA-TDC Newsletter Inaugural Edition

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With many changes, updates and new developments in the area of high performance player development and your related role as a Coach, in conjunction with Tennis Canada's High Performance Department, the TPA will be sending out a bi-monthly newsletter which will provide information on new competitive initiatives, upcoming competitive opportunities and other items related to the Tennis Development Centre (TDC) Program. In conjunction with the newsletter, we have added a location on our TPA Site under the menu item "Resources" in the "Coaching and Player Development" tab, a dedicated location called "TDC", where we will house all information. We hope you find this new service helpful!

Here is the first issue:

Tennis Development Centers (TDC's) Program Evaluation changes as well as increased Funding Available!

- Increased Funding for the 2012-2013 Program
 - Gold TDC's are now eligible for up to \$12,000 in funding.
- The TDC Program will be enhanced for the start of the September 2013-August 2014 year. This includes:
 - Additional increases in funding per designation.
 - Changes to the TDC evaluation and criteria that increases the importance of player results and player's meeting LTAD competition guidelines.
 - Upgrade of the evaluation process that includes a more user friendly interface.

For more information on the evaluation changes and funding increase, [click here](#).

2013 TPA National Coaching Conference Free to all TDC coaches!

- This year's conference once again features a great line-up of guest speakers including tennis legend **Brad Gilbert** along with **Sylvain Bruneau** and **Andre Parent**.

For more information on the 2013 TPA Coaching Conference, [click here](#). To register as a free TDC coach contact Joan Leung at jleung@tenniscanada.com or at 416-650-7938 or toll free at 1-800-263-9039, x 7938.

Enhancements to the Rogers Junior Nationals (beginning at this year's Indoor Nationals):

- **Under 12/Under 14 Compass Singles Format**
The compass singles format will be modified to provide opportunities for more of the top players to vie for the top 8 positions, [click here](#) for further details.
- **Under 18 Qualifying Tournament**
A qualifying tournament will be held immediately preceding the Under 18 Indoor Rogers Junior Nationals. It will be a pilot project in 2013 and upon evaluation may be used at other Indoor Rogers Junior Nationals in the future, [click here](#) for further details.





➤ **Officiating**

The number and quality of roving umpires, and the number of matches being officiated by chair umpires will be increased. This is intended as one of the measures to improve the level of officiating and player behaviour at all events.

Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals date has moved:

- The Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals have been moved back towards the end of August in order to lengthen the summer competitive season. Dates are as follows: (note: these dates may be adjusted by a day or so)
 - Under 18 Nationals: August 10-15
 - Under 16 Nationals: August 17-22
 - Under 14 Nationals: August 25-September 1
 - Under 12 Nationals: August 19-25

New Professional Events Added

- A Women's Challenger has been added in Winnipeg during the week of July 22nd.
- A Men's Futures has been added in Calgary during the week of August 12th.

Additional Enhancements to the Rogers Junior Nationals (beginning at this year's Summer Nationals):

➤ **New Outdoor Rogers Junior National Qualifying Tournaments**

There will be 5 new Outdoor Rogers Junior National Qualifying tournaments which will include events in BC, AB, ON and QC. These tournaments will provide opportunities for players to access direct entry into the Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals in each age group. They will also provide for a circuit of events leading into Nationals: Tentative Dates (may be adjusted by a day or so) are:

Alberta: July 7-12 (all age groups)
British Columbia: July 13-20 (all age groups)
Ontario: July 18-24 (U18 and U16); Aug 7-13 (U14 and U12)
Quebec: July 26-30 (U18 and U16); Aug 20-24 (U14), Aug 14-18 (U12)
Ottawa, Roman Cup: July 31-Aug 5 (all age groups)

➤ **Potential Increase in Draw Size**

With the new Outdoor Rogers Junior National Qualifying tournaments providing between 5-8 direct entry opportunities, there will be a potential increase in draw sizes by as many as 4 spots.

➤ **NCAA Presence**

The U16 and U18 Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals, both held at the Ontario Racquet Club, will become more of a "College Showcase" event with every effort to ensure a number of NCAA coaches are present. Also, NCAA education sessions will occur at all Nationals. A guide to college tennis is being assembled and will be posted on line as part of an enhanced college tennis section on TPA, TC and PTA websites. This will be phased in over time.





➤ **Rewards for Top Results at the Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals**

- The winners of the Boys U18 Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals will receive a wild card to a Futures event and the winner of the Girls U18 Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals will receive a wildcard to the qualifying of a Challenger event. The specific events and details will be determined at a later date by the Tennis Canada High Performance staff.
- The winners of U16 and U18 events will receive a \$1,000 travel grant and the runner ups will receive a \$500 travel grant for competition.
- The top 3 finishers of U16 and U18 Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals will receive a formal invitation to a training camp at the Montreal National Training Centre (NTC) program.

Rewards for Top Results at Provincial Championships

- The winner of each U16 and U18 Outdoor Provincial/Regional Championship (ON, BC, QC, AB, ATL, PRA) will receive \$500 travel grants for competition.

New National Rogers Rankings Method Change

- Tennis Canada along with a majority of the Provincial Tennis Associations will be implementing a new National and Provincial ranking method respectively by the end of 2013. More details to follow in the next couple of months.

New Tournament Management System for all sanctioned events in Canada

- Tennis Canada and all PTA's have agreed to switch over to a new Tournament Management System called Tournament Planner by a company called Visual Reality. This new software is currently being used by the ITF, Tennis Europe, LTA, and Tennis Australia to name just a few and features a state of the art tournament organizer/planner that we believe you will find helpful in running your events. This new software will be fully integrated across the country by December 31st 2013.

Competitive Calendar Template Tool Available

- This downloadable competitive calendar template includes key international/national tournaments in the professional, open, U18, U16, U14 and U12 categories. As well, you will be able to fill in your player's provincial events. This can be a helpful tool for a coach in planning their player's yearly competitive calendar, [click here](#) to the calendar.

