

## **TSTA STATE RANKING TENNIS TOURNAMENT RULE BOOK**

### **I. EVENTS & CATEGORIES:**

#### **BOYS & GIRLS**

- U10 -
- U12
- U14

At least 10 Telangana State Ranking tournaments for the Boys and Girls for the above age groups will be conducted in a calendar year and a 'TSTA Champions' tournament (top 8 players from each category) at the end of the year. Only singles will be played in the tournaments.

### **II. TOURNAMENT DURATION**

The tournaments will be played on Saturday, Sunday and if required on Monday.

### **III. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

It is mandatory for all players participating in TSTA tournaments to have a valid TSTA Registration Number. Please contact Mr. Vaibhav Patel (Manager TSTA) @+91 9849212146 / tstatennis@gmail.com.

### **IV. ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- All the players must submit their entry online (TSTA website/google forms).
- Entry deadline: Wednesday 8 PM.
- No on-site sign-in will be accepted.

- No Phone Sign-in is entertained.
- Online entry for the tournament will be accepted till Wednesday and a player can withdraw his / her entry till Thursday 5pm.
- Acceptance list will be published by Thursday 8pm.
- **Entry fees will be Rs. 1000/- to be paid online**

**TSTA bank account details:**

Telangana State Tennis Association  
Account Number: 34777930337  
Bank Name: State Bank of India  
Branch: Parishrama Bhavan, Hyderabad  
IFSC Code: SBIN0002769

**Phonepe**

**Googlepe**

- Entry fee paid in cash to any person is not accepted by TSTA and player will not be allowed to pay.
- If a player signs up for the tournament but doesn't take part in the event without officially withdrawing, they will face a penalty, resulting in a deduction of 5 TSTA points. Additionally, any entry fees paid online will be not be refunded.

**V. MAKING DRAWS & ORDER OF PLAY**

- There will be no qualifying rounds. It will be an open draw.
- There will be no doubles.

- For the very first tournament, seeding is considered based on AITA ranking and from subsequent tournaments, seeding will be based on TSTA ranking.
- All the draws and order of play will be published by 5.00PM on a day before (i.e., Friday) start of the tournament TSTA official WhatsApp group and TSTA website
- For any technical issues (like missed entry, missed seeding etc), redraw will be made
- If draws are being delayed for any technical reason, time to time updates will be published

## **VI. MATCH FORMAT**

- Each player may have to play more than three matches in a day.
- The matches will be best of 13 games up to semifinals with No-Ad scoring. There will be a 7 point tie breaker at 6 games all.
- Finals will be best 15 games. At 8 games all a 7 point tie breaker will be played.
- Player can participate two age groups only. A player in under 12 age group can play in under 10 age group also. A player in under 14 age group can play in under 12 age group but he/she is not allowed to play in under 10 age group.
- Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up
- Certificates will be awarded to all the players.
- Players will be awarded State ranking points.

- Scheduling of the matches - First match at 8am and last match at 7pm.

## **VII. POINT SYSTEM**

Winner	-	100 points
Runner-up	-	80 points
Semi-finalists	-	60 points
Quarter finalists	-	40 points
Round of 16	-	20 points

- A player receiving a bye in the initial round and subsequently losing in the second round will retain the points earned from the first round. For instance, if a player receives a bye in the round of 16 and loses in the round of 8, he or she will be awarded with round of 16 points. However, if the player receives a bye in the round of 32 and is eliminated in the round of 16, he or she will not earn any points.
- Additionally, if a player receives a walkover in the initial round, it will be considered as a match won.
- A player retired at the venue or during the match, will be awarded with points of that particular round
- A player who gives walkover after winning one round, will be awarded with points of that particular walk over given round.

## **VIII. TSTA CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT**

- Top 8 Boys and Girls will be selected based on their ranking as on 5<sup>th</sup> of December
- The format would be Round robin matches amongst the top 8 players.

- There will be 2 Groups of 4 players each. The Top Player of group A will play against the No. 2 player in group B and Top Player of group B will play against the no. 2 player in group A in the Semi-finals. Players who loses in the semi-finals will play with each other for the 3rd and 4th Position.
- No 1 and No. 2 seeds will be placed in two different groups, while Lots will be drawn for players ranked no 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 who will be placed accordingly.
- Entry fees will be Rs. 1,000/- to be paid online.
- Trophies will be awarded by TSTA.
- Bonus Scholarship will be offered as below:

**Position - Scholarship - TSTA Champions Points**

- Winner - Rs. 10,000 and 150 Points
- Runners- up Rs. 8,000 and 100 Points
- 3rd Position Rs. 6,000 and 80 Points
- 4th Position Rs. 4,000 and 60 Points
- The remaining 4 participants will be awarded 40 Points only and there will be no scholarship for them.

**IX. ON-COURT RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. It is players' responsibility to check the match timings, order of play, venue details and reach the venue on time.
2. A player failing to report within 10 (Ten) minutes after announcement of his/her match will be given walkover without any further intimation. The Supervisor/referee will be the final authority regarding walkovers.

3. Once a decision is taken by the supervisor regarding any kind of dispute like line calls/scoring, the player should respect the it and continue with his/her match.

4. Any interaction with the referee, supervisors, chair umpires or tournament officials or staff and other players, either on court or off court should be polite and respectful. Any player or person abusing or arguing with the referee or supervisor about a match, walk over or any technical issue will be viewed as violation of code of conduct and suitable action will be taken against the player as well as such person by the Tournament Committee.

5. Player must report on time for his/her match and wait till the match is announced and must not pressurize officials/authorities in case of any delay in starting the match.

6. Player should not interact with any person during his/her match and coaching during the match is strictly prohibited.

7. Any kind of hindrances during the play from outside or from players like abusing/demoralizing etc., player will be penalized as per code of conduct rules.

8. Players playing without chair umpire:

- Players would make the line calls during match in good faith
- Players should respect each other line calls

- The server should call the score before each 1st serve loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.

- No player should leave the court without referee's permission

9. The decision of the Tournament referee would be final with regard to any dispute during the tournament.

#### **X. The Rules and regulations:**

- Except as otherwise provided by the TSTA committee, the rules and regulation of ITF will apply.
- ITF / AITA approved balls will be used.
- The TSTA tournament committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning any reasons thereof.
- TSTA supervisor may postpone any match on account of insufficient light or adverse weather or court conditions. In all such cases the score and previous occupancy of court shall hold good
- No request for postponements of any match will be entertained and the defaulting players will be disqualified. However, the TSTA supervisor holds the discretion to postpone or advance any match if he so requires, without assigning any reasons.
- Players playing on synthetic courts should not wear jogging shoes, cross trainer and shoes with black soles. Only non-marking tennis shoes will be allowed.
- All players to be in proper tennis attire as prescribed by the ITF and are not allowed to wear track suits trousers jeans etc., while playing a match
- For any kind of queries/complaints, please reach Director Tournaments TSTA.
- Chair Umpires will be provided for semi-final and final matches.

#### **XI. IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PLAYERS:**

1. Change over time 90 seconds.
2. Set break 2 minutes.
3. If player fails to resume play within stipulated time, he/she would be given warning for first offense and subsequent offenses results in point penalty for each offense.
4. After 15 minutes delay walkover would be given to a player
5. Player would be given code/point penalty in case a player receives coaching or interacts with any parent/person during his/her match
6. Players should not talk to any person during the person their parents when in match
7. No player should leave the court without referee's permission

## **XII. TOURNAMENT FORM FOR ORGANIZERS:**

Any individual, club or tennis academy may apply to TSTA to conduct state ranking tournament one month in advance.

- Tournament director name
- Tournament referee name
- A minimum of 4 courts with same surface
- Courts surface/condition (must be of tournament level)
- Minimum tournament staff (4 roving officials/chair umpires and a referee)
- Payments for chief referee and officials (Tournament director's responsibility)
- Official Balls
- Notice Board



- **Mandatory facilities at the venue of tournament**
  - i. A desk and chair for the Referee with a printer
  - ii. Internet (wifi) access and stationary
  - iii. Clean and hygienic toilets for male and female
  - iv. A minimum of 60 chairs for spectators
  - v. Public address system
  - vi. Bottled mineral water for players
  - vii. First aid medical kit

- **On-court equipment**

- i. Chairs for Player
- ii. Umbrellas for Players if there is no shade
- iii. Singles Side sticks
- iv. Net centre tape
- v. Score boards
- vi. Chair for Umpire

### **XIII. OFFENSES**

Players, their coaches and parents accompanying the players to the venue of the tournament, shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators or others. Players shall not any time verbally and/or physically abuse any officials, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the tournament site. For the purpose of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorized touching an official, opponent, spectator or other

person, and verbal abuse is defined as a statement directed at an official, opponent, spectator, or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

#### **XIV. GRIEVANCE REPORTING**

Players, coaches, parents having any grievance are advised to report their grievance in writing to TSTA or Director, Tournaments, TSTA by email and the decision of the TSTA or the Director, Tournaments is final. Players, coaches, parents should not criticize on any social media like Facebook, WhatsApp, X (Twitter) etc., print or electronic media about AITA or TSTA or tournament, officials or individuals conducting tournaments.

- XV.** Any changes made to the Rules will be notified on the website of TSTA only. Players, Parents, coaches are requested to watch for any change in the website of TSTA.

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