

# Senior Olympics Tennis Rules

## Playing Format

1. All tennis matches will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Tennis Association and National Senior Games Association rules except as noted below. For a copy of these Rules please call or write:

US Tennis Association	National Senior Games Association
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70 West Red Oak Lane	Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2059
White Plains, NY 10604	(225) 766-6800
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<a href="http://www.usta.com">www.usta.com</a>	<a href="http://www.nsga.com">www.nsga.com</a>
2. If a participant qualifies in more than one event, a situation may arise wherein they will have to play more than two matches in any given day. Attempts will be made to schedule in order to avoid conflicts between events. However, it is the responsibility of the participant to make conflicts known to the event director with sufficient time in order to reschedule or withdraw. (Athletes must qualify in each tennis event in which they wish to compete.)
3. Any game missed/forfeited during bracket play will be considered a loss.
4. Playing format will be either double elimination or round robin tournaments based on the numbers of registered entrants. (Single elimination tournament will only be considered with the approval of the NMSO office.) Tournament format will be the responsibility of New Mexico Senior Olympics and established prior to Senior Olympics Summer Game competition.
5. The tournament will be played on hard surface courts. Tennis balls to be used will be of a type designated for hard court play.
6. A five minute warm-up will be allowed before each match.
7. Contestants are to use their own rackets.
8. Competition will be provided in singles, doubles and mixed doubles for men and women.
9. **Doubles Partners:** Doubles partners who qualify together are not required to play together. All participants must have qualified for the sport in which they intend to participate.

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1. All matches will be decided by the best two (2) out of three (3) sets.
2. Traditional scoring will be used in all matches. A tie breaker will be played at 6 all.
3. If a set reaches 6-6 in games, a 12 point tie-breaker will be played according to USTA rules. In the tie-breaker, the team or player who reaches at least 7 points and has a margin of at least 2 points is the winner.
4. In the event of inclement weather, no-ad scoring may be used with the receiver/receiving team choosing the court in which to receive at deuce (3-3); in addition, a 12 point tie breaker may be used in lieu of a third set.
5. **Event Limit:** A contestant may enter all **three events** but may not duplicate any one event.