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RULES OF TENNIS

Age Categories, Events and Entries

- The SFA Inter-school squash tournament will be conducted in the categories mentioned in the table below.
- We have a maximum draw capacity as mentioned in the below table. Student entries will be accommodated basis the eligibility criteria set out in Point 3.

Age Groups, Events & Draws								
Sr. No.	Age Group	Boy Singles	Boys Doubles	Girls Singles	Girls Doubles			
1	U-12	32	32	32	32			
2	U-14	32	32	32	32			
3	U-16	32	32	32	32			
4	U-18	32	32	32	32			
5	U- 17	128	128	128	128			

Tournament Format and Rules

- A knockout tournament will be played across all age groups and event categories for both, Boys and Girls.
- U/10 & U/12 (Singles & Doubles)
 - The matches up till the quarter finals will be of 1 mini set (4 games)
 - Tie break will be on 4-4
 - Semi Finals and Finals will be a best of 3 Mini Sets with tie break on 4-4
 - o For all matches, deuce will be one point with server to decide the side
 - U/10 matches will be played with green dot balls
 - The height of the net should be brought down to 80cm

U/14 & U16 (Singles & Doubles)

- The matches up till the Quarter finals will be of 1 set (6 games)
- Tie break will be on 5-5
- Semi Finals and Finals will be a best of 3 sets with tie break on 5-5
- o For all matches, deuce will be one point with server to decide the side
- Each participant can participate in one category only.
- Each school can send only one entry per category (One pair for the doubles).
- A player enrolled for Singles in a particular category can also play doubles only in the same category.
- Every player must carry his/her AITA card or a copy of his/her birth certificate. The player must also carry his school ID at all times during the tournament.
- The players must report 45 minutes prior to his/her scheduled match time.
- If the players fail to report 15 minutes after their match is announced, the opponent will get a walkover.
- No player will be allowed to play his/her match if they do not have their AITA card or a copy
 of their birth certificate and their school ID.
- No parent / teacher / coach / friends will be allowed on court during any of the matches.
- The tournament referee's decision will be the final one in case of any dispute that may arise on court or off court.
- No player is allowed to use their mobile phones on court.
- In circumstances which are beyond the control of the organizer, like rain on any other natural calamity, the match format of the tournament may be changed and the number of matches to be played on a day may be changed to complete the tournament.

 If any player who cannot take part in the tournament even after giving his/her entry can be replaced with another player on a special request by the respective school at least 1 day before the match starts. This is applicable only in case of doubles.

Eligibility Criteria

- Singles: Players will be selected first on the basis of their AITA ranking. After that, if there are slots to accommodate more players, they will be selected on the basis of first come first serve during the registration process.
- Doubles: The teams will be selected purely on the basis of first come first serve. Those who register first will be eligible to participate till the slots fill out.
- Following Age criteria must be followed for the different categories:-

Age Group	Cut off Date
U-10	Born on or After 1st January 2005
U-12	Born on or After 1st January 2003
U-14	Born on or After 1st January 2001
U-16	Born on or After 1st January 1999

- Players will be selected on the basis of their inter school ranking and participation in regular open tournaments (called Known players), along with their point charts.
- Participation taken into account will not only be for inter school events but also for other open tournaments.
- Participants will be selected on the first come first basis based on the eligibility criteria as mentioned above.
- Children must compulsorily carry age proof at all times during the tournament.