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In 2008/2009, Tennis Canada introduced the Rogers Ranking system that is based on head to head results. Players are rewarded more to whom they beat than how far they go in a given tournament draw.

This system has been successfully used throughout Europe and Quebec for over 20 years, with reports of very accurate results. The benefits to all players include:

- 1) One set of ranking points accumulating under the player's name rather than being spread over variety competitive categories (i.e. U14 and U16, plus 4.5 and Open);
- 2) Ranking points can be derived from multiple match formats (draws, consolation matches, round robins, league play).
- 3) As a player moves from one age to another, in either juniors, seniors or raises their playing category (i.e. 4.0 to 4.5), their ranking points move with them. This makes the New Year transition much easier.

Over the past decade, a variety of tournament and match formats have been used to determine provincial rankings and selection to provincial teams which represent our Province at junior national events. Rather than establishing a series of qualifying tournaments, team selections for 2010 and beyond will be based on:

- 1) The player's Rogers Ranking Following results of the Junior Indoor and Outdoor Provincial Championships.

Indoor/Outdoor Nationals Selection:

Within each indoor/outdoor season, BC Provincials Teams will be made up of:

- 1.) Players who have participated in the corresponding Provincial Championships (either Indoor/Outdoor).
- 2.) Be made up of a maximum of 5 players in each age and gender division based on the rankings. (4 for U12)
- 3.) If a BC player is in the National Training Centre program in Montreal, Tennis Canada will provide the merit spot. This will not affect BC's # of allocated spots.

****If a player is eligible for multiple BC Provincial Teams age groups and the player only chooses to compete in one category, then that player will only be placed in their actual age category (rather than the older category to allow more players the opportunity).**

All positions/acceptances to either Indoor/Outdoor Rogers Junior Nationals are subject to approval from Tennis BC. Ie. No major outstanding disciplinary items.

Indoor Season

For the 2009/2010 Junior Team Tennis League Season, singles matches qualify for ranking points. Juniors are also encouraged to compete in any other Open or NTRP events that permit their participation.

Obtaining indoor court time for tournaments is always a challenge and is the main reason for establishing the Junior Team Tennis – whereby Clubs can provide court time on winter evenings when their courts are less busy. Most clubs do not have enough court time to run major indoor events over a weekend. Special thanks go to Grant Connell Tennis Centre and Hollyburn Country Club for their generous court availability during the Fall Harvest Champs and the Hollyburn Junior Winter Classic.

In order to avoid play during the 2010 Winter Olympics, two indoor events have been scheduled for 2010.

- The Tennis BC Icebreaker Classic will run January 15 – 17, hosted by Vancouver Lawn, Town and Country, West Van Tennis Club and Richmond Tennis Club.
- Tennis BC also introduces the inaugural Junior Provincial Indoor Championships to be held on March 5-7, at Jericho Tennis Club, Van Lawn, People's Courts Tennis Academy, North Shore Winter Club, and Town and Country.

Selections for BC Provincial Teams travelling to the Rogers Junior Indoor Nationals will be made on or before March 12th, 2010.

Outdoor Season

There are several champ level tournaments prior to the Junior Outdoor Provincials June 30 – July 4, including new opportunities through two of our partners in the Odlum Brown Summer Series, who will offer Under 14 and Under 18 junior categories for the first time. Juniors will be able to compete in the 5.5/Open NTRP adult categories at any Summer Series events.

Selections for the Rogers Outdoor Nationals will be made on or before July 9th, 2010.

Competing in an older age category

Prior to the registration deadline for each Champ level event, all players wishing to play up in an older age category than their own must be in the top 5 of their own category in order to register. Exceptions to this rule are for those who are in the Provincial U10 NTC Program, or those approved by Tennis BC based on level and merit.

Upcoming Tournaments

January 15 - 17

Tennis BC Icebreaker Classic

Events: BGs 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

VLTC, Town and Country Tennis Club, Richmond Tennis Club, West Vancouver Tennis Club

Contact: Lois Ker (604) 737 3087

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Click this link to register online: <http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=59&BT=10&orf=1#Ev8620>

March 5 - 7

Junior Indoor Provincial Championships

Events: BGsd 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

VLTC, Town and Country Tennis Club, People's Courts Tennis Academy, North Shore Winter Club, Jericho Tennis Club

Contact: Lois Ker (604) 737 3087

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March 19 - 21

Junior Spring Break Champions

Events: BGs 10, 12, 14, 16, 18; BGd 14, 18

Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Victoria

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