



POLICY DOCUMENT

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FOR HARARE METROPOLITAN TENNIS BOARD

Tournaments offered:

HMTB runs the following tournaments in its province:

- **Provincial Tournaments** which can only be played by registered players in the Harare Province (Closed Tournaments)
- **National Tournaments** that are open to anyone who is a registered player with Tennis Zimbabwe across the country (Open Tournament)
- **Super 8 Tournaments** which is an invitational tournament for the top 8 in each age group

Conditions of the Tournaments shall be as follows: -

1. Age Eligibility

- a. Competitions hosted by HMTB should reflect the age groups permitted to enter on the competition form.
- b. Players who do not comply with the age eligibility outlined will not be accepted. A player should participate in their age group or an age group above, and not below. If a player participates in an age group above theirs, the points gained will be allocated to their **proper** age group.
- c. Any player found to be in breach of this age eligibility rule will be eliminated from the tournament and will face disciplinary action from the Board.

2. Entries and Withdrawals

- a. Harare provincial tennis entry fees are to be paid before playing.
- b. No payment should be given to any individual, be it a coach, Board member or tournament director. All payment should be made on the platforms shared by the board.
- c. Entries should be submitted on UTR or SMS before the set tournament deadline at **16.00 hours**. Any withdrawals must be submitted in writing direct to the Provincial Association

office or email or WhatsApp to the Tournament Director or to HMTB email: hararemtb@gmail.com 3 days before the tournament.

- d. Players withdrawing from the tournament after the draw is published will be penalized by not being allowed to participate in 3 tournaments unless the withdrawal is made for reasons of health or bereavement.
- e. In the event of withdrawal due to illness or injury, a medical certificate must be received by the Harare Metropolitan Board within 21 days of the player's withdrawal.

3. Travel, Accommodation and Meals

- a. Harare Open tournaments: Players are responsible for arranging their own travel, accommodation, and meal costs.
- b. National tournaments: Players and coaches are expected to pay for their own transport, accommodation, and meals during tournaments.

Inter-Provincial Tournaments

- 1. Players who participate for the province in the inter-provincial's tournaments will be selected through the provincial selection committee.
- 2. The Players selected will be notified via e-mail wherein travelling costs and arrangements will be furnished.
- 3. HMTB should pay for the provincial teams (travel, accommodation, meals and kit) but may ask parents to subsidise, depending on availability of funds.

Draw Sizes and Provincial Tournament Format

- 1. In the event of an exceptionally large number of entries, the draw size will be limited to a 64 draw for boys and girls.
- 2. Feed-in consolation singles events will be organized for boys and girls provided the Match Referee sees it fit to accommodate all matches on time.

Tournament Playing Conditions

1. Upon arrival, players must go to the desk to check their match time and to register with the officials.
2. Players not ready to play within **15 minutes** of the scheduled match time or after the court becomes available will be reported to the referee who will award the match to the opposing player or doubles team circumstances require another decision.
3. The warmup period is **5 minutes**.
4. Maximum rest between matches is **30 minutes** or if otherwise adjusted by the referee.
5. Each singles match will be the best of 3 tiebreaker sets, with no break in between sets. The third set is a full set. Tournament referee may change this depending on weather or other limiting factors.
6. The Doubles match will be best of 3 tiebreaker sets with no break in between sets. The 3rd set will take the form of a championship tiebreaker (first to 10 and lead by 2). [referee may change the format of play if weather conditions cause delay of matches]
7. Players are responsible for returning the scores and tennis balls to the match referee.
8. The no-advantage and no-let rules will be played on both singles and doubles.
9. TZ and ITF rules apply. ITF rules are available on the ITF website and TZ rules from the TZ office.
10. Coaches, parents, captains, or anyone else are not permitted on the court during play.
11. Coaching of players during play is prohibited.
12. Customary dress code will be enforced. [Refer to ITF rules]
13. In entering the tournament, a player automatically grants to the Provincial Board and or Host Province and for (sponsors) the right on perpetuating to make use and show pictures of him/her in motion or still taken during the competition, without compensation.
14. A feed-in consolation draw will be used, and players will be expected to complete all their matches.
15. The last advertised tournament day is a full playing day. When travelling from out of town you are advised to plan to travel on the day after conclusion of the tournament.

Waiver of Claims

1. All players entering Harare Provincial Junior [18 years and under], Tennis Tournament agree as a condition of their entry that no claims are brought against the Harare Board, tournament organizers, National Association sanctioning such events, with respect to any injuries, however, caused or any losses incurred while travelling to and from, or participating in any Harare Metropolitan Province Tournament.
2. It is therefore recommended that all players have adequate medical insurance cover.