

SENIOR AND JUNIOR INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

1. The Inter-Provincial Tennis Championships (The Championships) shall take place between the Provinces of Ireland each year and will be played under the Rules of Tennis and the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct of Tennis Ireland.
2. The Championships will be divided into 3 events as follows:
Senior – open to all players
Under 18 – open to players under the age of 18 on 31st December of the preceding year.

Under 14 – open to players under the age of 14 on 31st December of the Preceding year.
3. The Championships shall be played on the following dates:
Senior: Saturday and Sunday, 4th & 5th August.
Under 18: Monday and Tuesday, 11th & 12th August
Under 14: Saturday and Sunday, 28th & 29th September
4. No Player may compete in both Under 14 and Under 18 events.
5. Each team in each event, Under 14, Under 18 and Senior, shall consist of not less than 4 and not more than 5, male and female players, to be nominated in order of singles merit, together with a non-playing captain.
6. The eligibility of a person for Provincial selection shall be determined by:
Province of Birth
Or
Place of permanent residence from 1st January in the year preceding the Championships
Or
In the case of Connacht any player at least one of whose parents was born in Connacht.
7. Each event shall consist of 36 matches, played on a Round Robin basis, between the competing Provinces as follows:

	Male	Female
7.1	No. 1 Singles	No. 1 Singles
7.2	No. 2 Singles	No. 2 Singles
7.3	Doubles	Doubles
8. The composition of a team for each tie, e.g. Under 14 Leinster versus Munster, may be varied at the discretion of the non-playing captain save that in respect of Singles matches a team must adhere to the nominated order of merit as between the two Singles players from that Province. Only the Non-Playing Captain of each team may sit on court during a match and then may only communicate with their own player(s) at a change of ends.

9. A full list of the teams nominated in order of merit for each event shall be furnished to the Honorary Secretary of the host Province no later than 10 days preceding the commencement of the Championships.
10. The team nominated for a specific tie, in each event, shall be furnished to the Referee no later than 15 minutes prior to the starting time designated for that tie. If either of the Singles players in a team withdraws, following nomination for a specific tie, they must be replaced, in order of merit, by another member of the team. In each tie the No. 1 Men's Singles match must commence before the No. 2 Men's Singles match and the No. 1 Ladies Singles match must commence before the No. 2 Ladies Singles match.
11. One point shall be awarded for each match won in each tie and the province securing the greatest number of points shall be the winner of the event. Should there be equality of the greatest number of points the event shall be shared by those teams with the greatest number of points.
12. Each match shall be the best of three tie-break sets.
13. Where, for any reason, an event is not completed before the winning province has been determined, the decision of the Competitions Committee of Tennis Ireland will prevail.
14. The organization of the Championships shall be vested in the Councils of the host Provinces in each year, and every Province shall, prior to 1st April in each year, nominate a representative to Tennis Ireland to deal with necessary administrative matters relating to the Championships. (See Appendix 1)
15. The venues for the Championships shall have not less than 4 courts of uniform surface with floodlights, together with adequate changing, viewing and catering facilities. Should the designated courts become unplayable, for any reason, the event may, at the discretion of the Referee, be transferred to courts of a satisfactory standard, which may be of a different surface.
16. Each Province must enter teams with the Honorary Secretary of Tennis Ireland by 1st June.
17. The host Province shall nominate a Referee and an Assistant Referee in respect of each event. The names of such Referees shall be submitted for approval to the Competitions Committee of Tennis Ireland not later than 1st June in each year.
18. The venue and surface to be used shall be notified by the host Provinces to the Honorary Secretary of Tennis Ireland and to the Honorary Secretaries of the Provincial Branches not later than 1st June each year.

19. The host Provinces will notify Tennis Ireland and the other Provinces of arrangements and costs by 1st June. (See Appendix 2)
20. Tennis Ireland shall notify the Honorary Secretaries of the Branches of the make and brand of ball to be used by 1st June in each year.
21. The Referees shall hold a Captains' Meeting at 2pm on the first day of the Senior event and at 8.30am on the first day of the Under 18 and Under 14 events.
22. Should a point arise which, in the opinion of the Referee, necessitates consultation with the competing Provinces, the Referee may call a meeting consisting of two representatives from each Province, one of whom shall be the non-playing captain. Every Province shall, prior to the commencement of play in each event, nominate their other representative.
23. Three new tennis balls shall be provided for each match
24. All players must wear clean and customarily accepted tennis attire and footwear. Tracksuits may be worn only during the knock-ups or at the discretion of the Referee.
25. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurers of the host Provinces to prepare accounts in respect of the Championships by 15th September each year.
26. Each Province is responsible for paying all costs incurred by their teams before they leave their accommodation and the venue.
27. These rules supersede and amend all preceding rules in respect of the Championships and shall come into effect from 4th April 2025.
28. The schedule of matches at each event shall be as follows:

Senior Schedule

Day 1. 3pm	A v B and C v D	
	1 st Men's Singles	1 st Ladies' Singles
	2 nd Men's Singles	2 nd Ladies' Singles
	Men's Doubles	Ladies' Doubles
Day 2. 9 am	A v C and B v D	
	1 st Men's Singles	1 st Ladies' Singles
	2 nd Men's Singles	2 nd Ladies' Singles
	Men's Doubles	Ladies' Doubles
Day 2. 2 pm	A v D and B v C	
	1 st Men's Singles	1 st Ladies' Singles
	2 nd Men's Singles	2 nd Ladies' Singles
	Men's Doubles	Ladies' Doubles

Under 14 and 18 Schedule

Day 1. **9 am**

A V B and C V D

1st Boys' Singles

1st Girls' Singles

2nd Boys' Singles

2nd Girls' Singles

Boys' Doubles

Girls' Doubles

Day 1. **2 pm**

A V C and B v D

1st Boys' Singles

1st Girls' Singles

2nd Boys' Singles

2nd Girls' Singles

Boys' Doubles

Girls Doubles

Day 2. **9 am**

A V D and B V C

1st Boys' Singles

1st Girls' Singles

2nd Boys' Singles

2nd Girls' Singles

Boys' Doubles

Girls Doubles

(Additions and alterations to the Rules of 2025 are underlined)