2025 Bedford Open - Fact Sheet

Tournament Link:	Register and Pay Online Here
Dates and Groups:	Group 1
	Thursday June 5th - Saturday June 14th MWs Open MWd Open Xd Open
	Group 2
	Thursday June 5th - Monday June 9th MWs 4.5, 3.5, 2.5 MWd 4.0, 3.0 Xd 4.0, 3.0
	Group 3
	Monday June 9th - Saturday June 14th MWs 4.0, 3.0 MWd 4.5, 3.5, 2.5 Xd 4.5, 3.5, 2.5
Entries:	 Players can play up to 3 events total, but a maximum of 2 events in Group 2 or Group 3 Players will play a maximum of two matches per day All entries are subject to approval by the Tournament Committee.
Events:	If you are unsure which level you are for the level based categories, use one of the following measures: - <u>World Tennis Number</u> - <u>Tennis Canada self-rating guide.</u> Open (MS350 + WS200)
	Self Rating Guide: 5.0 + WTN: No Requirement Min. Age: 12
	Advanced (4.5) Self Rating Guide: 4.5 WTN Men: 22+

	WTN Women: 23+ Min. Age: 16 Advanced (4.0) Self Rating Guide: 4.0 WTN Men: 24+ WTN Women: 26+ Min. Age: 16 Intermediate (3.5) Self Rating Guide: 3.5 WTN Men: 26+ WTN Women: 28+ Min. Age: 16 Intermediate (3.0) Self Rating Guide: 3.0 WTN Men: 28+ WTN Women: 30+ Min. Age: 16 Recreational (2.5) Self Rating Guide: 2.5 WTN Men: 30+ WTN Women: 32+ Min. Age: 16 Note: Events may be merged or cancelled if there are less than 3 entries/teams in a given category.
Playing Down Rule:	In order to maintain fairness in TNS sanctioned events, players are not permitted to play down in categories below their playing level. For example, if a male player has a WTN of 24.3, they are permitted to play in 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, and Open categories only. They would not be permitted to enter 3.5, 3.0, and 2.5 categories. In doubles events, teams must play in the category applicable to the player with the stronger WTN as per the Men's Singles ranges. For example, a male (WTN 24.5) and a female (WTN 27) can enter mixed doubles 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, and Open categories using the stronger player's WTN on the MS range. They cannot enter 3.5, 3.0, and 2.5 categories.

	If a player does not have a reliable WTN, category selection will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
Draw Sizes:	 All draws are limited to 32 entries. Draw size may expand depending on the court availability. All entries received by the entry deadline will be considered based on merit, as determined by National Bank Rankings and the ITF World Tennis Number. Where certain entries cannot be distinguished based on ranking, players shall be accepted by drawing lots. The Tournament Committee may cancel or combine events if there are insufficient entries or may limit the draw size depending on court availability.
Scheduling Exemptions:	Players can opt out of matches before 4pm on work days. This must be done when registering for the tournament online. No other scheduling requests will be accepted.
Host Club/Courts:	Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre 50 Verdi Dr, Bedford, NS B4A 0C3 All matches will be played on the indoor hard courts.
TNS Membership:	All participants must have a valid Tennis Nova Scotia membership in order to register for the tournament. <u>You can get your TNS Membership by clicking here.</u> *TNS membership is free for recreational, juniors, and wheelchair players.
Entry Fees:	All prices are ** per person, per event ** All registrations and payments must be made online before the entry deadline. Singles: \$60 Doubles: \$35
Entry Deadline:	4pm, Tuesday May 27th
	Players will not be entered after this date/time. Having issues

	registering? Email Molly Pineau at <u>mollypineau@tennisnovascotia.com</u> well in advance of the deadline.
Early Bird Discount:	Players who enter by 4pm, <u>Tuesday May 20th.</u> will receive a \$5 discount on their entry fee.
Withdrawal Deadline:	10am, Wednesday May 28th Players have until this date/time to withdraw for a full refund.
Live Draw:	1pm, Thursday May 29th A link will be provided to all participants the week of the event.
Prizemoney:	A total prize purse of \$4000 will be offered for this tournament: \$2000 for Men's Open Singles, and \$2000 for Women's Open Singles. Prize Money Breakdown: Winner: \$1000 Runner Up: \$500 Losing Semifinalists: \$250
Seeds:	In order to ensure fair play, TNS will accept and seed players based on World Tennis Number, National Bank Rankings, Head to Head results, and Tournament Organizer discretion.
Match Formats:	 All Main Draw Singles and Doubles: Best of 3 sets, 10-point super tiebreak for 3rd set. Consolation Matches: 8-Game Pro-set, 7-point tiebreak at 7-all. In both singles and doubles matches, alternative match formats or scoring methods may be employed in place of the traditional match format listed below. The modified match formats or scoring methods may involve No-Ad Scoring, Short Sets, or some combination thereof.
Consolation Matches:	All first match losers will be guaranteed at least one consolation match in all categories. There will be consolation doubles matches.

Official Ball:	ProPenn - 3 New Balls for Main Draw, Good Used Balls for Consolation.
Racquet Stringing:	Will be available on-site.
Rules and Regulations:	The Tennis Canada ' <u>Rules of the Court 2024</u> ' will be strictly enforced under the guidance of the Tournament Referee.
Failure to complete match/tournament:	In Nova Scotia, both juniors and adults can receive suspension points for a 'Failure to complete match/tournament' code violation.
Default Time Rule:	Players are to report to the tournament desk immediately upon arrival. Once your match is called, please be prepared as the default time rule will be strictly enforced. Late by :01 to :05 minutes = 1 game forfeit, :06 to :10 minutes = 2 game forfeit, :11 to :15 minutes = 3 game forfeit, and a match default after :15 minutes. Suspension points will be applied to players who fail to appear for a scheduled match (main draw and consolation) without notifying the tournament desk with a bonafide excuse.
Pre & Post Match:	Players must stick to a 5 minute warm up once they go on court. All match participants must report to the tournament desk immediately upon completion of the match to report the score and return the balls.
Warm Up Courts:	A warm up court will be available on a first come first served basis. Four players can use the court at once. Players should limit their time on the warm up court to 15 minutes.
Online Schedule:	It is the players responsibility to check the online schedule to see their match schedule.
Communications:	To receive important updates throughout the event please follow us on TNS social media (Facebook & Instagram).
Tournament Director:	Molly Pineau; mollypineau@tennisnovascotia.com

Tournament Referee:	Gareth Dowdell; garethdowdell@atlantictenniscentre.ca