2026 Gallagher Nova Scotia Open - Fact Sheet

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Tournament Dates:	Friday August 21st - Sunday August 30th
Categories and Registration Links:	**Group A:** Friday August 21st - Tuesday August 25th - REGISTER HERE **Xd** Open **MWs** 4.5, 3.5, 2.5 **MWd** 4.0, 3.0 **Xd** 4.0, 3.0 **MWd** 35, 45, 55, 65, 75 **Xd** 35, 45, 55, 65, 75 125 Mixed Try Tennis Compete - Orange Ball Parent and Child (Orange Ball) Junior 3.5 Star Singles (U12-U18) **Group B:** Wednesday August 26th - Sunday August 30th - REGISTER HERE **MWs** Open **MWd** Open **MWs** 4.0, 3.0 **MWd** 4.5, 3.5, 2.5 **Xd** 4.5, 3.5, 2.5 **MWs** 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 100 Mixed Parent and Child Father and Son Mother and Daughter Wheelchair Junior 3.5 Star Doubles (U14 + U18) Rogers First Set Tour - Rookie Tour (Red/Orange/Green/Yellow) Rogers First Set Tour - Rising Stars (U9, BS10, GS10)
Entries:	• Players can play up to **4** events total, but a maximum of **2** events in **Group A** and **Group B** • Players will play a maximum of two matches per day

	• All entries are subject to approval by the Tournament Committee.
Playing Level:	If you are unsure which level you are for the level based categories, use one of the following measures: -World Tennis Number -Tennis Canada self-rating guide. **Open (MS350 + WS350)** Self Rating Guide: 5.0 + WTN: No Requirement Min. Age: 13 **Advanced / Open Qualifying (4.5)** Self Rating Guide: 4.5 WTN Men: 22+ WTN Women: 23+ Min. Age: 13 **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 **Try Tennis Compete - Orange Ball (Up to 2.0)** Self Rating Guide: Up to 2.0 WTN: Not Rated Min. Age: 16

	Adult Masters 35-75 (Masters Prov Tier 2) + Age Based Mixed Doubles: Players must meet the age requirement to enter these categories. Eg: Players must be at least 45 to enter any of the '45' categories. **Junior 3.5 Star + Rising Stars** This category is suitable for any competitive juniors. Players who are brand new to tennis should enter the 'Rookie Tour' event. Note: Events may be merged or cancelled if there are less than 3 entries/teams in a given category.
Player Party and Dinner:	The player party will take place on site at the Waegwoltic Club from 6pm on Saturday August 29th. Dinner will be served from 7pm on a first come first served basis.
Player Gift Bag:	Player gift bags will be available during certain time periods at the tournament desk. Exact time periods will be communicated closer to the event.
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 with the exception of Men's and Women's Open Singles which are limited to 24 entries and Men's and Women's Open Doubles which are limited to 16 entries. • 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 or WTN, players shall be accepted by drawing lots. • The Tournament Committee may enter a player into another level or withdraw them if they do not qualify for the category they entered. • The Tournament Committee may cancel or combine events if there are insufficient entries or may limit the draw size depending on court availability.
Open Singles Draws and Qualifying:	• Men's and Women's Open Singles events are limited to 24 entries. • The top 18 entrants based on merit will be automatically placed in the open draw. If either Open singles category receives more than 18 entrants, players outside the top 18 will be placed in the Advanced / Open Qualifying Draw. • Players who reach the semifinals of the Advanced / Open Qualifying (4.5) draw will earn a spot in the Open draw. • Two additional spots will be reserved for wildcards.
Scheduling Exemptions:	During the registration process, players can opt out of ONE up to 8 hours block of time during the tournament prior to 4pm (weekdays only). This must be done when registering for the tournament online. No other scheduling requests will be accepted.
Host Club/Courts:	**Primary Venue:** Waegwoltic Club 6549 Coburg Rd, Halifax NS B3H 2A6 **Back-up indoor venue:** Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre 50 Verdi Drive, Bedford NS, B4A 0C3
TNS Membership:	All participants must have a valid Tennis Nova Scotia membership in order to register for the tournament. You can get your TNS Membership by clicking here. *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. **$5** -Junior Doubles **$20** -Try Tennis Compete -Rookie Tour and Rising Stars -Wheelchair -Parent Child **$35** -Adult Doubles **$40** -Junior Singles **$60** -Adult Singles
Entry Deadline:	**4pm, Tuesday August 11th** Players **will not** be entered after this date/time. Having issues registering? Email Molly Pineau at mollypineau@tennisnovascotia.com well in advance of the deadline.
Early Bird Discount:	Players who enter by 4pm, Tuesday August 4th, will receive a $5 discount on their entry fee.
Withdrawal Deadline:	**10am, Wednesday August 12th** Players have until this date/time to withdraw for a full refund.
Live Draw:	**1pm, Thursday August 13th** A link will be provided to all participants the week of the event.
Draw Type:	Categories with three players/teams will play a round robin. Categories with four or more players/teams will play elimination. Categories with one or two players/teams may be merged with other categories at the discretion of the tournament organisers.
Prizes:	Players who win or come runner up in each category will receive a prize.

Seeds:	In order to ensure fair play, TNS will accept and seed players based on World Tennis Number, Ultimate Tennis Rating, National Bank Rankings, Head to Head results, and Tournament Organizer discretion.
Match Formats:	**Open Singles Matches:** Best of 3 tiebreaker sets. **All Other 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 above. The modified match formats or scoring methods may involve No-Ad Scoring, Short Sets, or some combination thereof.
Consolation Opt-In:	Players who wish to play consolation need to **opt in** prior to the deadline through the form/s below: Group A: Sunday August 23rd at 11:59pm Group B: Friday August 28th at 11:59pm
Consolation Matches:	We will make every effort to provide first match losers with at least one consolation match in all categories. There will be consolation for singles and doubles matches.
Official Ball:	Dunlop Grand Prix - 3 New Balls for Main Draw and Open Third Set, Good Used Balls for Consolation.
Racquet Stringing:	Will be available on-site.
Rules and Regulations:	The Tennis Canada 'Rules of the Court 2026' 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 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.
Online Schedule:	It is the players responsibility to check the online schedule to see their match schedule. Matches will be published as far in advance as possible, but could be amended up until **8pm** the night before the following day's matches. Once the following day's schedule is **locked in**, an email will be sent out with the link. Note that consolation matches could be scheduled the day of. Consolation players will be emailed once the schedule is live.
Communications:	We will communicate necessary information throughout the event via email.
Tournament Director:	Molly Pineau; mollypineau@tennisnovascotia.com
Tournament Referee:	Gareth Dowdell; garethdowdell@atlantictenniscentre.ca