



Hello,

Tennis Canada, Tennis Québec and Tennis Montréal are extremely proud to be hosting the seventh edition of the Mini Rogers Cup. This tournament brings together young athletes from across the province. Participants between the ages of 5 and 10 years old will have the opportunity to compete on the same courts as the best professional players in the world, at IGA Stadium on Saturday, August 11. The winners in each category will be presented their medals during a special ceremony on Centre Court.

The organization of the event is being led by Tennis Québec, in collaboration with Tennis Canada and Tennis Montréal.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and the parents of the players who have contributed to the success of the tournament. We are aware that many families have traveled long distances to take part in the event and play in these matches and we truly appreciate the commitment.

Thank you for your dedication. We are thrilled that you are a part of our great tennis community!

Good luck to all participants!

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Tennis Québec

Important Information – 2018 Mini Rogers Cup

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Please consult the following table to find out your child's competition schedule:

Category	Participants	Location	Day	Session*
5-6 years old - mixed draw	14	Court # 5	Saturday, August 11	AM
7-8 years old - Girls recreational	12	Court # 10-11	Saturday, August 11	PM
7-8 years old - Girls elite	9	Court # 5	Saturday, August 11	PM
7-8 years old - Boys recreational	12	Court # 6-7	Saturday, August 11	PM
7-8 years old - Boys elite	12	Court # 8	Saturday, August 11	PM
9-10 years old - Girls recreational	12	Court # 7-8 * Court # 7 **	Saturday, August 11	AM
9-10 years old – Girls elite	12	Court # 3-4 * Court # 8 **	Saturday, August 11	AM
9-10 years old – Boys recreational	12	Court # 10-11 * Court # 10 **	Saturday, August 11	AM
9-10 years old – Boys elite	12	Court # 2-6 * Court # 6 **	Saturday, August 11	AM

*AM SESSION

The first matches of the morning session are scheduled to begin at 8.00 a.m. Play is expected to end by 12.30 p.m.

Please make sure to arrive on site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the matches. All participants are expected to arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 7.50 a.m. to confirm their presence and receive their full match schedule for the day. A meeting with all players is scheduled at 7:50 in order to explain the rules of the competition.

PLEASE NOTE : The Canadian University Tennis Championships will also be held on Saturday August 11th on the secondary courts at IGA Stadium. Thus, we had to reshuffle the court scheduling at 11.00 a.m. for the following categories:

- 9-10 years old – Girls recreational
- 9-10 years old – Girls elite
- 9-10 years old – Boys recreational
- 9-10 years old – Boys elite

* Each category will be on these courts from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

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***PM SESSION**

The first matches of the afternoon session are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Play is expected to end by 5 p.m.

Please make sure to arrive on site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the matches. All participants are expected to arrive between 12:30 a.m. and 12:50 a.m. to confirm their presence and receive their full match schedule for the day. A meeting with all players is scheduled at 12:50 to explain the rules of the competition.

TOURNAMENT SITE AND PARKING

All matches will take place on the secondary courts at IGA Stadium.

- Courts 2-4: from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.
- Courts 5-8 and 10-11: from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Stadium is located at 285 Gary-Carter, Montreal, H2R 2W1. We ask that you enter by the main Gary-Carter entrance (see attached site map). Seeing as play begins at 8 a.m., we suggest that you arrive at least 30 minutes in advance to pass through security and sign-in at the welcome table. A total of four bracelets (one for the player and three for family members) will be given. These give you access to the site. We ask that you let us know if you need more bracelets.

Due to the parking restrictions at the Stadium, there is no parking available for any of the participants or their families. We suggest that you take public transit (De Castelnau station on the blue line or any of the following STM busses 193, 55, 92, 93).

The site is completely outdoors, with a number of tables and food options. If you decide to bring your lunch, please consult the list of [prohibited items](#) prior to your arrival on-site. We ask for your collaboration in keeping the grounds clean. Trash and recycling bins are present throughout the site.

Tennis Québec will provide free water bottles to the participants and water fountains will be available to the participants throughout the day.

RULES

Age: 5-6 years old – mini-tennis courts (boys and girls together)

Age: 7-8 years old – $\frac{3}{4}$ courts (boys and girls separate)

Age: 9-10 – Regular courts (boys and girls separate)

5-6 age group:

The participants in the 5-6 years old age group will play on a half court with a red ball.

The matches will go up to 12 points, alternating serve after each point. Matches must end with a two-point difference. If the score is 19-19, the first player to 20 wins.

The first serve will be overhand, and the second serve will be underhand.

Please note: Warm-up shall not exceed two minutes.

*Volunteers will go from court to court to help the kids keep track of the score.

Format: All 14 players will be divided in two groups of 7. They will then play against all the 6 players of their group in a round-robin. The two player in each group with the best record will move on to the semi-finals (1A vs 2B and 1B vs 2A). This will be followed by a final between the two winners.

7-8 age group:

The participants in the 7-8 age group will play on a $\frac{3}{4}$ court with an orange ball.

The matches will go up to 12 points, alternating serve after two points. Matches must end with a two-point difference. If the score is 19-19, the first player to 20 wins.

Please note: Warm-up shall not exceed two minutes.

Format: All 12 players of each category will be divided in two groups of 6. They will then play against all the 5 players of their group in a round-robin. The two players in each group with the best record will move on to the semi-finals (1A vs 2B and 1B vs 2A). This will be followed by a final between the two winners.

* 7-8 years old – Girls elite: the 9 players will play in a round-robin against the 8 other players. The two with the best record will play in the final.

9-10 age group:

The participants in the 9-10 age group will play on a full court with a green ball.

The matches will go up to 12 points, alternating serve after two points (one serve on the Deuce side and the other on Ad side). Matches must end with a two-point difference. If the score is 19-19, the first player to 20 wins.

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*Volunteer umpires will be present to ensure that all matches run smoothly.

Knowing that many participants are new to the sport, the tournament organizers and volunteer coaches of the event will be able to supervise the matches and help the younger players keep track of the points. The goal of the Mini Rogers Cup is to promote participation and provide a great competition experience. We want kids to have fun while playing their matches. For this reason, the younger matches will be self-regulated.

The tournament hopes to offer a minimum of three (3) matches to each participant. However, in the absence of a player and thus a victory by default, the schedules and daily draws can not be changed.

RAIN PLAN

In case of rain the morning of the matches, here are the procedures to follow:

A message will be posted on the Tennis Québec Facebook page the morning of the tournament <https://www.facebook.com/tennisquebec270>. No calls will be made by Tennis Québec to inform the participants.

***It is your responsibility to check the Tennis Québec Facebook page at the start of the day.**

In case of heavy rain before the start of your session, the matches will take place on the indoor courts of the Ile des Soeurs Tennis Club (300 Chemin du Golf, Verdun, QC H3E 1A8).

If it rains during the competition, a decision will be taken by the organizing committee. The intensity and duration of the precipitation will be taken in consideration.

MEDALS

The winners from each category will get the chance to receive their medals on Centre Court prior to the start of the second singles semi-final match (Session 14, not before 6:30 p.m.).

In addition, winners will receive a pair of tickets to stay and watch the night session matches on Centre Court.

* If the matches can't be completed because of bad weather, a draw will take place in each category to choose the person who will receive the tickets.

DETAILS

On the day of the event, please make sure that your child brings the following items:

- Tennis racquet and tennis shoes
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle (can be refilled on-site)
- Lunch and snacks
- Cap or hat to shield them from the sun

***Please consult the list of [prohibited items](#) prior to arriving on-site.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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