




PALM COAST
& the Flagler Beaches

FLORIDA
SPORTS
FOUNDATION

FLORIDA
**SENIOR
GAMES**
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open to Ages 50 & Up

TENNIS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15-18

USTA MASTERS DEMO: 8AM

START TIME: 9:AM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/10

LOCATION:

PALM COAST TENNIS CENTER
1290 BELLE TERRE PARKWAY

FEE: \$15/PER PERSON
INCLUDES T-SHIRT

CONTACT 386.986.2323

Registration form and waiver located at:
www.palmcoastgov.com/seniorgames

This Local Senior Games is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games State Championships.



Florida Senior Games Rules of Competition

TENNIS

EVENTS

Singles
Doubles
Mixed Doubles

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING RULES

Top 5 in each age group at Local Games Qualifying site. Participants that qualify are eligible for all Tennis events. (Note: qualifying is only applicable to the State Championships – Florida resident divisions).

ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Athletes may compete with only one partner per event. An event is defined as Singles, Doubles or Mixed Doubles.
2. The age division of competition for Doubles will be determined by the lower age of the two partners.
3. Athletes must provide their own racquets and practice balls.
4. Participants may compete in a maximum of two events only.

FORMAT

1. Tournament format will be single elimination with first round consolation.
2. The Event Director reserves the right to modify tournament format.
3. Event Director reserves the right to modify any draw.

SPORT RULES

1. All matches will be conducted in accordance with United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, visit or contact:

United States Tennis Association
Publications Department
70 West Red Oak Lane
White Plains, NY 10604
(914) 696-7000
www.usta.com

2. If an athlete is entered in more than one tennis event, a situation may arise wherein they will have to play more than the USTA recommended number of matches in any given day. Attempts will be made to schedule in such a manner to avoid conflicts between events. However, it is the responsibility of the athlete to make conflicts known to the Event Director with sufficient time in order to reschedule or withdraw.
3. As a principle, play should be continuous, from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes.
 - a. Between points, a maximum of twenty 20 seconds are allowed. This rule does not apply while a player chases stray balls.
 - b. When players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of 90 seconds are allowed. Between the first and second set, a maximum of 120 seconds are allowed.
 - c. However, after the first game of each set and during a tie-break game, play shall be continuous and players shall change ends without a rest.
 - d. A five-minute break between the second set and the match tie-break set, if required,

is permissible.

4. Matches shall be the best of three sets using regular scoring. The first two sets are tie-break sets, first to win six games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games won. If the score reaches six games all, a tie-break game will be played (first to win seven points with a two point margin wins the set). In the event a third set is required, it will be a USTA Match Tie Break Set, first to win 10 games by a margin of two games. All tie-breaks will use the Coman method of rotation. Ends are changed after the first point, then every four points (i.e. rotate after 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th, points etc.), and also rotate ends at the conclusion of a set tie break.

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES QUALIFYING RULES

1. All first-, second- and third-place winners at the 2014 Florida International Senior Games and State Championships will qualify for the 2015 National Senior Games.
2. Athletes must qualify in each tennis event (singles, doubles, mixed doubles) in which they wish to compete at the 2015 National Senior Games, except when Rule E applies.

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