
FACT SHEET

DATE/S	21st - 22nd March 2026 (from 8.30am)
VENUE	The Forrest Wines Marlborough Tennis Centre, Parker Street, BLENHEIM
AGE GROUPS	8s, 10s, 12's, 14s, 15-18s Note: You may only enter ONE age group (i.e. you must play in the same age group for both Singles & Doubles)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	Players' age as at 31 st March 2026
ENTRY DEADLINE	Online entries will close 11.59pm on Monday 16th March 2026
TOURNAMENT ENTRY	Tournaments Tennis New Zealand (https://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com)
ASSOCIATION WEBSITE	https://www.mtatennis.co.nz
ENTRY CONFIRMATION	<p>Confirmed entries will be displayed on the Tournament website on Tuesday 17th March 2026. Any queries must be received by midnight Tuesday 17th March 2026.</p> <p><u>It is your responsibility to ensure we have received your entry in the correct grade.</u></p> <p>The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry which does not comply with stated requirements.</p> <p>The Tournament Committee is under no obligation to accept late entries. Late entries will incur a late entry charge of \$10 in addition to the normal entry fee.</p> <p>Should there be insufficient entries in any age group, the Tournament Committee/Referee may combine that age group with another. If any age group draw size exceeds 20, the Tournament Committee/Referee may move players into grade-based draws.</p>
ENTRY FEES	<p>\$25.00 per player Singles (includes free Doubles) (Doubles only \$15pp)</p> <p>Payment must be made at the time of registration directly via Stripe or deposited into the Marlborough Tennis Association bank a/c 12-3167-00255383-01. Please use your name as reference. Failure to pay the entry fee by the time entries close will void your entry.</p>
OFFICIAL BALL / SURFACE	8's and 10's will play with low compression "green dot", all other age groups will use the HEAD TOUR BALL. All play on hard courts unless astro courts required - at Tournament Director's discretion.
SIGN IN	Please report to the Tournament Office at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled start times. Once you have played your first match, please check for playing times.
DRAWS & RESULTS	Dependent on entries – draws will be available by Thursday 19th March on the tournament website. Results will be processed for WTN Ratings.
SEEDING	Seeding for all events will be at the discretion of tournament organisers and the TP system but will generally be based on the latest available WTN ratings prior to the draw being made.

MATCH FORMAT

Singles

8's and 10s - Two tie-break sets to 4, win by 2 games, tie break at 4 games all. If sets are tied, a match tiebreak to 7 points (margin of 2 points) will be played.

All other grades - Two tie-break sets, win by 2 games, tie break at 6 games all. If sets are tied, a match super tiebreak to 10 points (margin of 2 points) will be played.

Doubles "no ad" deuces

8's and 10s - Two tie-break sets to 4, win by 2 games, tie break at 4 games all. If sets are tied, a match tiebreak to 7 points (margin of 2 points) will be played.

All other grades - Two tie-break sets, win by 2 games, tie break at 6 games all. If sets are tied, a match super tiebreak to 10 points (margin of 2 points) will be played.

PLEASE NOTE: Tournament officials have the right to alter the length of matches, apply short or long deuces, play on another court, different surface or under lights if circumstances make it necessary i.e. weather.

NUMBER OF MATCHES

Players will get at least four matches if entered in both singles and doubles.

WITHDRAWAL/DEFAULTS

Withdrawals after Tuesday 17th March 2026 may receive a refund less an administration fee of \$15 on production of a medical certificate, or due to bereavement. Tennis NZ Player Code of Conduct ruling will apply.

If a player withdraws or retires from a match due to illness or injury, one of the following will occur: (i) withdraw from all remaining matches of the tournament; (ii) obtain a medical certificate that, to the satisfaction of the Referee, states the player was unable to play the match from which they withdrew/retired but is fit to continue playing subsequent matches. The cost of obtaining a medical certificate is the responsibility of the player

DRESS CODE

All players shall dress and present themselves in an appropriate manner for tennis. Please refer to the Players' Code of Conduct for further clarification.

RULES

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Tennis NZ, Rules of Tennis and Tennis NZ Player Code of Conduct. **Players must be "tournament ready" - players must be able to serve overarm from the baseline, keep the score, know the basic rules of the game, make accurate line calls, know which side to serve and receive and know when a rally has been completed. 8 year olds will be allowed to serve their second serve underarm from the service line.**

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

Tennis NZ Player Code of Conduct will apply.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Kerie Smith will complete the draws once entries close. Enquiries to admin@mtatennis.co.nz.

TOURNAMENT REFEREE

Helen Redshaw will officiate.

SPECTATORS

No person other than the match players, umpires and the referee may be on the courts, or converse with the players during play unless given permission by the referee or tournament director.

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY

The tournament will be operating under the TNZ video/photography policy. The policy is available on the Tennis NZ website. MTA may capture photos of results or fun moments on court to post on our social media page to celebrate this event as well as promote this event in the future. If you **do not want** to be photographed during the tournament, please let one of our team know.

REFUNDS

Withdrawal received: (i) within two (2) days after the entry closing date, shall receive a full entry fee refund without a medical certificate; (ii) before the release of the draw, shall receive a full entry fee refund if accompanied with a medical certificate; (iii) after the draw, but before the commencement of tournament, shall receive a 50% refund, or full refund if accompanied with a medical certificate; (iv) after the commencement of the tournament, shall receive no refund. Any refund shall be less administration costs - see withdrawal/defaults.

PROPERTY

All competitors are to take total responsibility for their own equipment. Marlborough Tennis Association takes no responsibility for lost property.

CATERING Limited food and refreshments will be on sale. Only cash is accepted.

DELAY OR CANCELLATION Any delay, postponement or cancellation of the event will be advised on the Tennis NZ Tournament software site. In the event the tournament is postponed/cancelled, we will make a post on Marlborough Tennis Association FB page.

The event organisers endeavour to:

- run this event in a safe and secure environment
- comply with all Health & Safety regulations for the event venue and surrounds
- create a competitive and enjoyable environment for athletes to compete

All duty of care remains with the parent and/or caregiver. Event personnel and/or venue staff are not responsible for athletes during any period of the event. All participants entering this event are bound by the Tennis Participant Protections Policy (TPPP) and procedures.

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