

HIGHLAND SPRING JUNIOR OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Monday to Friday August 22nd to 26th 2011

At POMANDER GATE TENNIS CLUB

Tournament Desk (Pomander Gate Office): 236-5400

RULES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. This Tournament is a Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association (“BLTA”) event and will be played under the rules of tennis, as approved by the International Tennis Federation.
2. All matches will take place at Pomander Gate Tennis Club unless otherwise indicated. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to schedule matches at other venues.
3. **PLAYERS MAY ENTER A MAXIMUM OF THREE EVENTS, please indicate in order of preference on the Entry Form. **Players entering more than one event must be prepared, to play a match each day in each event entered, if the schedule requires.****
4. Age groupings are determined by age at THE END OF THIS YEAR.
5. **The entry deadline is 6 p.m. Wednesday August 17th.** Each competitor must submit an individual entry form along with full payment to Pomander Gate Tennis Club. Please note entry fees are NON refundable.
6. **The draw will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday August 18th at Pomander Gate Tennis Club.** All players are welcome to attend.
7. Participants **must** be current members of the BLTA to play in this Tournament. Players who are not already members for this year should include the \$30 fee herein and obtain and complete a BLTA membership form (available from the BLTA office or website www.blta.bm).
8. **Matches may be scheduled for play between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. However the tournament will try to accommodate players 14 and over who are working, hence some matches may be scheduled up to 7:30 p.m. All players must make themselves available during the tournament hours.** Players may make a note of any MINOR time problems on the entry form and the Tournament Committee will try to accommodate them. Players who do not expect to be available up to and including finals day should not enter the tournament.
9. **It is the responsibility of each player to find out their own time of play.** The daily schedule will be sent out to all players by email (if an address is given on the entry form) each evening before the next day of play. It will also be posted at Pomander Gate Tennis Club by 6:00 p.m. the night before.
10. **Competitors are expected to be ready to play at their scheduled time.** A competitor may be defaulted, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee or Referee, if not ready to play at the time the match is called.
11. **The format of the draws will ensure players have at least 2 matches in each event entered, either by way of round robins or the “A & B” draw format.** Players who win their first round match will continue in the “A” draw, players who lose will continue in the “B” draw. ALL Matches (including finals) will be the best of TWO sets, with a match tie break in lieu of the 3rd set, **except for 10&U singles, where the TWO sets will be to 4 games instead of 6.** However, an event may be cancelled or the format may be changed at the Committee’s discretion in the circumstances.
12. Players must report to the Tournament Desk on arrival. When courts are not available, competitors are expected to remain at the Tournament venue until courts become available or until the Referee halts play for the day. The winner of each match must return the balls and report the score to the official at the Tournament Desk. Appropriate tennis attire is required on court at all times.
13. **Players are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. The BLTA Code of Conduct and the Point Penalty System will be in effect throughout the Tournament. Lateness penalties will be in effect as posted at the tournament desk.**
14. If a player experiences difficulties, he/she has the right to request assistance from the Tournament Referee.
15. The Tournament Referee is empowered to take whatever measures are deemed necessary in the interest of the Tournament, without the Referee or the Committee being liable in any way.
16. **The PRIZEGIVING will take place on Friday August 26th at the earlier of 5:30 p.m or after the last match at Pomander Gate Tennis Club.**

Our sincere thanks for your entry and we trust you will have an enjoyable tournament

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