

2024 BC Secondary School Table Tennis Championships Prospectus

1. Competition Dates March 1st – 2nd, 2024

2. Host School & Venue Moscrop Secondary, 4433 Moscrop St., Burnaby BC, V5G 2G3

3. Championship Committee

Competition Manager – Frank Liao Referee – TBA	Control Desk & Operations – Anson Lam Supervisor – TBA	Media – TBA Administrator – Norah Xiao
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4. Events a) Boys' Team b) Boys' Singles c) Girls' Team d) Girls' Singles
e) Boys' Doubles f) Girls' Doubles g) Mixed Doubles

5. Eligibility

All students in grades 8 through 12 that are enrolled in a BC Secondary or Middle School program may participate. Middle School students may not represent the Secondary School that they will be attending in the future.

6. Format of Play

a) Team Events

Each school may only enter a maximum of 2 teams per event (i.e. 2 Boys' teams and 2 Girls' teams). The maximum number of players per team is 5 players, while the minimum is 3 players. Preliminary round robin groups may precede the knockout phase which will determine all the positions in the knockout phase. All teams will be entered into the same draw. The final format will be based on the number of teams entered. The combined rating of the top 3 players will determine a teams' pre-tournament ranking, apart from the top designated seeds below:

Boys' Team: 1. Lord Byng (2023 Champion) 2. Burnaby North A (2023 Runner Up) 3. Sir Winston Churchill (2023 3 rd Place)
Girls' Team: 1. Burnaby North A (2023 Champion) 2. J.N. Burnett (2023 Runner Up) 3. Semiahmoo A (2023 3 rd Place)

Top 3 seeds are given to previous edition's top 3 finishers and a spot is reserved for the host school.

Each team contest will be played under the following format:

A vs X
B vs Y
C vs Z
A vs Y
Doubles B & C vs X & Z Doubles

b) Doubles Events

Each pair must consist of players from the same school. Depending on the number of entries, the top 2, 4 or 8 pairs will be seeded directly into the main draw. All other pairs registered will play in a preliminary stage of round robin groups to qualify to the main draw stage. The main draw will be single elimination knockout. Seeding will be determined using the combined rating of the players using the latest available Canadian Rankings or through committee discretion.

c) Singles Events

The Singles Events may have the top 4, 8 or 16 players seeded directly into the main draw. Unseeded players will have to play in a preliminary stage of round robin groups or qualification matches to qualify into the main draw. The main draw will be single elimination knockout. Seeding will be determined using the latest available Canadian Rankings or through committee discretion. Qualifiers will be drawn randomly into the main draw.

7. Preliminary Schedule:

Friday March 1 st	- 8:00 AM: Doors Open - 8:45 AM: Coaches/Delegates Meeting - 9:00 AM: Opening Ceremony Team Events: - 9:15 AM: Preliminary Rounds - 12:30 PM: Progressive Knockouts Boys & Girls Doubles Events: - 4:30 PM: Preliminary Rounds - 5:30 PM: Single Elimination Knockouts
Saturday March 2 nd	- 8:00 AM: Doors Open - 8:45 AM: Coaches/Delegates Meeting Individual Events: - 9:00 AM: Boys Singles Preliminary Rounds - 10:00 AM: Girls Singles Preliminary Rounds - 10:45 AM: Mixed Doubles Preliminary Rounds - 12:30 PM: Single Elimination Knockouts Team Events: - 4:30 PM: Team Finals

All times are approximate

8. School Check-in and Delegates Meetings

Prior to the start of competition, a school delegate must check-in by 8:30 am on Friday at the control desk to ensure all paperwork and entry fees have been submitted. The location of the delegates meeting will be provided at check-in. The delegates meeting will start at 8:45 am on Friday.

9. Draws

The preliminary draws will be released on the Championship website and on our Discord server (see below) on the morning of Thursday February 29th, 2024. The tournament committee reserves the right to give an estimate ranking to an unranked player and reorganize the seeding list to have a balanced draw.

10. Equipment

Tables, nets, scoring equipment and court barriers used during the tournament are provided by the British Columbia Table Tennis Association. The Championship Committee requests that all participants take great care when using the equipment.

11. Awards

In the Team Events, the Champions, Runner Ups, and Third Place teams will each receive 5 medals for the players and 1 medal for the coach. The Boys' team champion will be awarded the Calveley Cup and the Girls' team champion will be awarded the Madhosingh Cup. Schools will retain the cup for one year. It will be the championship schools' responsibility to add their winner's plaque to the respective Cups.

In the singles and doubles events, the Champions, Finalists, and two Semi-Finalists will receive medals.

The Phyllis Rapanakis Fair Play Award will be presented to a player that exemplifies fair play, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm for table tennis. This award will be voted by school delegations, with the final decision made by the Championship Committee.

12. Supervision

The Championship Committee requests that each school have an adult present at the tournament supervising the students at all times. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that the adult supervisor is qualified and in accordance with their school and school districts' policy. Any athlete that does not have a supervisor at any time during the tournament may be disqualified from play.

13. Rules and Standards

The Championship will be played under the latest ITTF Laws and Regulations and only Authorized Racket Coverings (Rubbers) can be used on rackets. **Players must wear short sleeve shirts and shorts/skirts. The colour of the clothing must not be white in colour.** Playing shoes must be non-marking. During the team matches, players must wear identical or similar coloured shirts. Special permission to modify the clothing restrictions must be written and submitted to the Referee prior to the start of the Championship.

The prospectus should be read thoroughly prior to signing the online entry and waiver form.

14. Entries Deadline

The registration deadline for the Championships is **Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 5PM PST**. All **entry forms** are to be submitted **online** at <https://forms.gle/XAT5EyJgRnVT1Wd38>. **Fees** can be submitted either by cheque or e-transfer.

If submitting fees by cheque, please make cheques payable to **McMath Secondary School** with the memo line “**Prov. Table Tennis Finals**”, and they are to be sent to N. Xiao at McMath Secondary School, 4251 Garry St, Richmond, BC V7E 2T9. Please do not send cash by mail.

If submitting fees by e-transfer, please e-transfer your entry fee to bcssttc@gmail.com with the note “2024 Provincials” and your name.

15. Championship Fees

The fees for this tournament are as follows:

Team Events.....\$100 per team Singles Events.....\$20 per player Doubles Events.....\$30 per pair

16. COVID-19 Protocols

a) Tournament Measures

Masks are recommended for all players, coaches, and participating personnel, except during player practice and matches or eating/drinking. If players are not playing, they must stay in the bleachers or remain outside the gymnasium. No hand-wiping on the table surfaces, and no breathing on the ball during match and practice play. After matches, players may choose to not shake hands; they can acknowledge each other and the umpire with a racket touch or another action that is comfortable while maintaining physical distance. There will be sanitizing stations all around the venue. During breaks in play, students must stay in the bleachers or go outside the facility, unless given permission by the committee to practice during that time.

b) Basic COVID-19 Countermeasures

Hands need to be washed or sanitized regularly wherever participants go in the venue. Keep two meters’ distance and avoid unnecessary physical contact wherever possible. Do not share drink bottles, towels, or other equipment. It is the responsibility of each person to monitor their own health and for teachers and supervisors to enforce these measures with their students.

17. Website & Contacts

All information can be found on the official tournament website: <https://www.bcssttc.ca>. We also encourage all teachers and students to follow us on [Instagram](#) or join our [Discord](#) to receive up to date information and be able to communicate directly with us. Please send any questions or feedback to the BCSSTTC organizing committee at bcssttc@gmail.com.