**PROSPECTUS**

# Introduction

**This tournament is introduced for the first time this year and intended to become a fixture on the annual calendar**

**Objectives are:**

* To establish the St James tennis Club as a venue for national tennis activity
* Provide an opportunity for more Clay court tennis
* To introduce the clay court season by preceding the premier Tranquillity Open
* Provide a warm up event for participants in the Tranquillity Open
* Increase the opportunity for competitive tennis for veteran players

# Tournament Committee

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| **Tournament Committee** |
| Tournament Director | Michael Cooper |
| Treasurer/Registration | Walt Ifill |
| Referee | Richard Sorillo |
| Facilities/maintenance  | Jimmy Huggins |
| Fixtures/scheduling | Janice Richards |
| Secretariat/Communication | Leslie Villaroel |
| General Support | Nyla Patrick |
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# Events

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| **Event** | **Winner** | **Finalist** |
| Men’s Singles Open | Trophy | Trophy |
| Ladies’ Singles OpenMixed DoublesVeteran’s Singles | TrophyTrophyTrophy | TrophyTrophyTrophy |

# Rules & Regulations

1. **Availability of Forms:**
Entry Forms are available at the St James Tennis Club and will be sent on request to any given E-mail address.

Entry forms are also available on the TennisTT website : [www.tennistt.info](http://www.tennistt.info)

The following persons can also be contacted for forms and further information:

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| **Contact Person** | **Telephone No /WhatsApp** |  |
| **Walt Ifill****Michael Cooper****Leslie Villaroel 680 9297**  | 681 6467380 7604 |  |  |
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1. **Participation Fee per player for the Tournament includes:**
* Entry fees for the Tournament for two events (maximum) is $120.00. The fee will be $50.00 for members of the St James Tennis Club. Fee is the same if only one event is played.
* All players are required to pay the TATT Registration fee of $65.00 before playing in the tournament
1. **Submission of Entries:**Entries for the tournament will only be valid when submitted with payment to the contacts listed in 1. above or any member of the Tournament Committee.
**DEADLINE DATE FOR ENTRIES – Wednesday 14th February, 2018**
2. **Draws:**

Draws will be made on **Thursday 15th February, 2018**

* **Play will begin on** Friday 16th February, 2018 and end on Sunday 18th February, 2018
* **Play will start** at 4.00 pm on Friday, 9:00 am on Saturday and Sunday and finish at 8:00 pm daily. Finals will be played on Sunday evening . The committee will try its best to avoid playing under lights. However if the schedule dictates, the lights will be used
* **The Tournament Committee** reserves the right to extend the playing time if it becomes necessary to achieve the Tournament schedules.

**5. .Eligibility:**

**a. Entry: The tournament is open to all tennis players.**

**b.** **Players who have attained the age of 45 yrs on or before the 16th February, 2018 are eligible to enter the Veteran’s Division.**

**c. Limitations**- Players are allowed to enter a maximum of two (2) events.

1. **Venue:**

The Tournament will be played on the courts of the **St James Tennis Club, Long Circular Road, St James**

1. **Draw Size & Format:**

Main Draws will be limited to the following sizes:

**Men’s Singles Open 16**

**Veterans Singles 16**

**Ladies’ Singles 16**

**Mixed Doubles 16**

* The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the draw size based on entries.
* Players not selected for the Main draw will be placed in a Qualifying Draw from which four (4) qualifiers will emerge.
* Each draw will have four (4) seeded players
1. **Match Play**:
* All Qualifying rounds will be best of 15 games with a normal tie-breaker at 7-all
* All main draw matches will be best of 17 games with a normal tie-breaker at 8-all
* **No-ad scoring shall be used for all matches**.
* Play shall continue under lights if necessary
1. **Rules:**
* This Competition shall take place in accordance with these **Regulations** and the **Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF** (which includes the ITF Code of Conduct).
* The Referee will determine the appropriate period of rest between matches.
* In submitting an entry to this tournament, a player automatically undertakes to commit him/herself to abide and be bound by the above Rules and Regulations.
* The Committee reserves the right to amend, repeal, or otherwise modify, in whole, or in part, the above Rules and Regulations.
1. **Publication:**

The draw and results will be posted on the Notice board at the Tournament venue. Draw information can also be obtained from the Tournament contacts.

1. **Protest:**

Any protest or complaint must be made in writing, addressed to the Referee and submitted within two (2)hrs of the incident.

1. **Dress Code:**Players shall present themselves for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire.
* **Unacceptable Attire**

Sweatshirts, gym shorts, dress shirts, basketball attire, beachwear, any other inappropriate attire shall not be worn during a match. Approved tennis shoes must be worn at all times on the court.