

GIRLS AND BOYS TENNIS

9.0 GOVERNING RULES

The U.S.T.A. rules shall govern all play except whereas modified by the CIF or the Sac-Joaquin Section.

9.1 CONTACTS

The Sac-Joaquin Section (Bylaw 505.2) will determine the number of maximum allowable contests (24). Scrimmages for all levels are limited to two per team.

9.2 START DATE

Start and end dates will be designated by the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section.

9.3 PLAYER CLASSIFICATION

All competition will be at the varsity level.

9.4 RULES OF THE SPORT

A. The host team must report the final full box results to CIF Home.

B. Matches for league play will consist of 6 singles and 3 doubles with no doubling of players. All matches will be two of three sets, including doubles. No-Ad scoring will be used with the official U.S.T.A. seven (7) point tiebreaker game played at six (6) all in any set. By mutual consent of both coaches, if the team score has been determined (one school has won five (5) matches), players will play a ten (10) point tiebreaker instead of a third set.

C. Matches interrupted due to inclement weather are to resume at the point play was suspended. Makeup league matches must be arranged at the first available date and played in the order of cancellation. Once a cancelled match has been rescheduled, the new date takes precedence and acts as a revised schedule.

D. The home team will supply three (3) new, top grade, yellow, tennis balls for all matches. Opposing players will warm up together for a maximum of ten (10) minutes before their match begins.

E. Prior the the start of play, each coach will simultaneously submit lineups according to their strength ladder. The strength ladder must represent both singles and doubles players on the team roster, starting with the highest strength player as number one (1) to the lowest strength player.

F. Team coaches may coach players only during change-overs and not at any other time. There will be no break after the first game of each set.

G. Each team will play its ladder in descending order with the best player in the #1 position. If a player is not available to play within fifteen (15) minutes of the time his/her court is ready for play, the coach must move the next best player into that position and move up the rest of the players accordingly. The coach may not forfeit the match in order to keep the rest of the team in their normal positions. The next best singles player should be moved into the #6 position and the doubles teams rearranged accordingly. If a coach chooses not to rearrange the doubles teams, a player at #13 or lower on the strength ladder may be moved to the #6 singles position. Players in the #1 through #5 positions must move straight up if one of them is missing. **It is the responsibility of the head coach to not stack the team strength ladder.**

F. The ranking of the doubles teams will be determined by the sum of the ladder positions of each team. A team cannot have two separate ladders - one for singles and one for doubles. The #1 doubles team will have the lowest sum, the #2 team the next lowest sum, and the #3 team will have the highest sum. If the sum of any of the ladder positions for #2 or #3 of the teams is equal, then the highest ranked individual player shall play on the higher ranked doubles team.

9.5 METRO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

1. There will be a singles and doubles tournament held on separate days. Singles will be played on the first day and doubles will be played on the second day. The purpose of the Championship Tournament is to qualify singles players and doubles teams for the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs. A "B" and "C" tournament may be held on the same days but will not be for postseason qualification.
2. There will be an 8:00 AM seeding meeting prior to both the singles and doubles tournaments. Seeding will be based on how well each individual performed during the regular Metro League season. Other criteria, such as USTA rankings may be considered.
3. Each school will bring two (2) players for the singles tournament and two (2) teams for the "super" doubles tournament.
 - A. For the singles tournament, the top four (4) players will be seeded and the remaining spots will be filled by a random draw. Players from the same school will not play each other in the first round. The #1 and #2 will not be on the same side of the draw.
 - B. For the doubles tournament, the top four (4) teams will be seeded and the remaining spots will be filled by a random draw. Teams from the same school will not play each other in the first round. The #1 and #2 will not be on the same side of the draw.
 - C. The first three rounds of the singles tournament will be played on the first day and the finals will be played on the same day as the doubles tournament. If doubles teams from the same school are in the finals they may choose to play at their home court.
 - D. First round matches in both tournaments will be a ten (10) game pro-set. Subsequent rounds will be 2 out of 3 sets, no ad scoring, and a 7 point tie-breaker for any set tied 6-6.

9.6 ALL LEAGUE AWARDS AND SELECTION PROCESS

The All League team will consist of the four (4) singles semifinalists and the two team finalists from the doubles tournament. The MVP will be the winner of the singles tournament. Coaches will vote for four (4) other players for the remaining spots or in case of duplication. There will be a total of 12 all league players including the MVP.

9.7 TIEBREAKING PROCESS

The following procedure (in order) will be used to break ties:

1. Head to head league competition
2. Greatest number of matches won in head to head league competition
3. Greatest number of sets won within the tie
4. Greatest number of games won with the tie
5. Greatest number of wins versus teams above the tie
6. Greatest number of wins vs. the highest place team above the tie
7. Greatest number of wins below the tie starting with the next placed team
8. Coin toss conducted by the League President