

DISTRICT I BOYS TENNIS FOR 2017 SEASON

SPORT: Boys' Tennis - **SINGLES AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

CLASSIFICATION: AA & AAA

TOURNAMENT SINGLES & DOUBLES: The Steering Committee will use a 32 draw with four byes and eight seeds for AAA and a draw of eight with four seeds for AA District I Singles and Doubles Tournaments. Participation in the District I Tournament is based on the number of schools participating in the League Dual Meets, determined by the scale below:

4 to 6 schools	2 Representative
7 to 9 schools	3 representatives
10	4 representatives
12+	5 representatives

SINGLES: Each league will set up their qualifying procedures to determine their representatives to the Singles Championships.

DOUBLES: To determine the representatives for the District I Doubles Championships a sectional or league doubles tournament should be held after **April 29, 2017** so boys that have been eliminated in singles competition may be a member of the doubles team competition.

SCORING: "NO-AD" scoring will be used in the first two rounds. **Twelve-point tie-breaker** will be used if the score reaches six all in any set.

No school should be jeopardized in league play because they have a boy participating in District competition.

Participants will be contacted by the league representative regarding starting time for singles and doubles. Contestants not at the courts by these times will lose by forfeit.

INDEPENDENT MEMBER SCHOOLS: Qualification procedures for independent schools to participate in the District I Boys' Championships are as follows:

Singles:

- a. Independent schools, as a group, must organize and run a qualifying tournament. In the event arrangements, cannot be worked out to the mutual satisfaction of participating independent schools, the resolution will be rendered by the District Committee.
- b. Participation to the District I tournament will be based on the following:
 - 1 to 3 schools competing in qualifying tournament - 1 representative
 - 4 or more schools - 2 representatives
 - Others upon consideration of the committee.
- c. The District I Tennis Chairperson must be notified by **Sunday, April 24, 2017** of independent participation. Contact should be made with Becky Desmond - phone 610-241-4693(c) or 610-269-8037 (h) email bd315@aol.com

To compete in the District Doubles Championships the doubles team must be comprised of two (2) students from a member school which sponsors a boy's Tennis Team and participates in at least 50% of the maximum permitted number (9) of Regular Season contests in that Sport.

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DATES: DISTRICT I SINGLES – 2017 ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED AT HEALTHPLEX

	AAA	TIME	AA	TIME
Fri., April 28	1 st , 2 nd rounds	TBA	1 st & 2 nd Rounds	TBA
Sat., April 29	3 rd , 4 th rounds		Final	TBA
Sat., May 13	Final/Consolation, 5 th & 6 th	TBA		

DISTRICT I DOUBLES – 2017 ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED AT HEALTHPLEX

	AAA	TIME	AA	TIME
Fri., May 12	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , rounds	TBA	1 st & 2 nd Rounds	TBA
Sat., May 13	4 th & Final/Consolation, 5 th & 6 th	TBA	Final	TBA

SEEDING MEETINGS:	Singles – 2017	Tues., April 25	7:30 p.m.
	Plymouth Whitemarsh		
	Doubles – 2017	Tues., May 9	8:00 p.m.
	Plymouth Whitemarsh		

STATE QUALIFIERS: AAA – FOUR SINGLES & FOUR DOUBLES
AA – ONE SINGLES & ONE DOUBLES

DATE OF STATES: Hershey Racquet Club – May 26, 27, 2017

METHOD OF SEEDING SINGLES & DOUBLES:

Draw: AAA will have a 32 draw with three byes and 8 seeds.
AA will have an 8 draw and 4 seeds

Seeding criteria: The following will be the criteria used for seeding purposes.

- Head to head interscholastic competition during current season.
- USTA head to head competition results since January 1, 2017.
- Results from matches between common opponents during current season.
- Previous District I and State tournament experience/results including doubles.
Most recent results will carry more weight than earlier results.
- Similar qualifications or insufficient data will result in a draw for placement.

Notation for Doubles: The same criteria listed above will apply for doubles and consideration will be given to additional information from coaches.

Seeding procedure:

- Step 1. Nine AAA league champions will be reviewed using the seeding criteria and will be ranked 1 through 9. Four AA champions, or league's highest AA entry, will be reviewed using the seeding criteria and will be ranked 1 through 4.
- Step 2. Committee members may offer any #2 ranked league player for ladder consideration according to the results of the league tournament. These players will be reviewed using the seeding criteria and if the claim is judged valid, will be placed in the appropriately ranked position on the tournament ladder. The same procedure shall be used for the wild card qualifiers. Example: #2's could become 11, 12, 13, etc. If the player is placed in the top 9 the other players will drop down accordingly. The #2's will not be placed higher than a #1 from the same league. The same will hold true for the #3's and #4's.
- Step 3. Repeat step 2 for any #3 ranked league player.
- Step 4. Repeat step 2 for any #4 ranked league player. This will be the tentative ladder.

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Placement on the Draw

- Step 1. The #1 seed will be placed on line one. The #2 seed will be placed on line 32 (AA line 10).
- Step 2. The #3 will be placed on line 17 and #4 will be placed on line 16.
- Step 3. #5, line 9; #6, line 24; #7, line 25; #8, line 8.
- Step 4. The remaining players/doubles teams will be put on the unoccupied lines, alternating top and bottom, starting on the outside of the draw.
- Step 5. AAA Team members shall not play against each other in the first round. To prevent this from happening they will be placed on the next **open** line, on the opposite end of the draw.
- Step 6. If by the luck of the draw a league #2 would meet their league #1 in the first round they would be placed in the other half of the draw on the next **open line**.
- Step 7. The remaining players/doubles teams, by luck of the draw, alternating top and bottom, will be placed on the open lines.

CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES:

1. All P.I.A.A. rules governing athletic events are in effect. Modified U.S.T.A. rules apply. First offense - warning; second offense - one point; third offense – one game; fourth offense default. Conduct on the court shall display good sportsmanship.
2. Scoring will be:
 - A. The “NO-AD” scoring system will be used for the first 2 rounds in AAA and in the first round of AA.
 - B. The twelve-point tie-breaker will apply if the score should reach six-all in all rounds.
3. The players will call their own lines. If there should be any questions players may call time out and ask for a decision or assistance from the roving umpire. If there is no roving umpire, they may ask for the tournament director or committee member. Only committee members, not involved with coaching the match in question, may make decisions about the match. No one may leave the courts during this time.
4. Warm-up time is not to exceed 15 minutes including serves. Play is to be continuous.
5. A two-minute break on the court, for coaching, may be taken between first and second set. Only the coaches, designated by the schools of athletes participating, may be on the courts for coaching. A five-minute break, off the courts, may be taken if the players split sets.
6. Break between matches – singles, up to one hour; doubles, 30 minutes upon conclusion of match of both players.
7. No spectators or coaches will be permitted on the courts.

OFFICIAL'S ASSIGNMENT: There will be a roving umpire for the tournament. Other officials are members of the committee when they do not have a player in the tournament.

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CONTESTANTS All tennis contestants are required to wear appropriate tennis attire (i.e. school issued **ATTIRE:** tennis shirt and tennis shorts) No exceptions are permitted. T-shirts, without school name/nickname, altered apparel, jeans, and advertisements (other than one visible logo/trademark not exceeding 2 ¼ square inches and 2 ¼ inches in a dimension on cap, headband, visor, school issued tennis shirt, and shorts; and/or a school's name/nickname) will not be permitted. The use of tape for the purpose of covering a logo that does not meet the aforementioned specifications **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**. The school's name/nickname and/or school's logo is permitted on the front and/or back of the school issued tennis shirt. Shoes with soles that will leave discolored markings on competition surfaces are not permitted.

AWARDS: AAA - Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
AA – Medals for 1st & 2nd

STATE AAA - 4 Singles & 4 Doubles Teams

QUALIFIERS: AA - 1 Singles & 1 Doubles

PLAYOFF COACHES: A Coach from each member school that has qualified individuals and/or a doubles Team to the 2017 PIAA Boys' Singles' and Doubles Tennis Championships must accompany and supervise those persons representing that member school. However, the member school may send a full-time professional employee of the school district in lieu of a Coach for purposes of accompanying and supervising the member school's qualifiers to the 2017 PIAA Boys' Singles' and Doubles Tennis Championships. This full-time professional employee must be a properly designated representative of the school of the qualifiers, and that individual must be fully responsible for supervision of the qualifiers.

In order to be eligible for District I competition, boys must be accompanied, for the duration of the competition, by either a coach or an adult with written authorization from their school. Such written authorization must be presented to the tournament chairperson prior to the start of the event.

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON: Questions should be directed to:
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