

DISTRICT I BOYS TENNIS FOR 2017 SEASON

SPORT: Boys' Tennis - **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

CLASSIFICATION: AA & AAA - See PIAA website to determine your school's **team classification**.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The steering committee will seed up to 8 teams for AA and 16 teams for AAA Tournament. The league champions will automatically be entered into the tournament according to their classification. The Selection for the additional positions (wild cards) in the tournament will be based on league record and the team's record against common opponent teams **during the regular season** in District I. In the event a league champion chooses not to participate this position will become an additional wild card selection and open to any at-large nomination from any league. Steering committee members must check with their league members as to interest in participating in the tournament.

1. Each Team shall consist of three (3) singles players and two (2) doubles Teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles). Each Team, listing students in descending order of ability, shall establish a strength ladder line-up from 1 to 10. The ladder submitted for the Team shall represent the strongest line-up for that Team. The first three (3) students shall play singles in order that they are listed on the strength ladder line-up. **Beginning with the fourth student listed on the strength ladder line-up, any four of the remaining seven athletes may comprise the doubles Teams.** The doubles Team having the highest level of ability shall occupy the number 1 position and the doubles Team having the second highest level of ability shall occupy the number 2 position. No player shall be eligible for a doubles Team unless they are listed on the Team's strength ladder line-up. Teams shall submit their strength ladder line-ups, **which shall specify singles player #1, singles player #2, singles player #3, doubles Team #1, and doubles Team#2,** at the beginning of the District Team Tennis Tournament. With the exception of authorized substitutions for illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by the appropriate Tournament Director), a Team's strength ladder line-up may not be changed throughout the respective District and Inter-District Team Tennis Tournaments.

2. **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

OPTION #1 Substitutions **MAY** be made only in case of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the Tournament Director). The school's athletic administration and/or head tennis Coach shall provide supporting documentation for such substitutions. An ill or injured player may be substituted for and then be reentered in the same position in the Team's strength ladder line-up, upon documented authorization from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine. Teams are prohibited from making substitutions that would allow an ill or injured player to be moved from playing singles to doubles, and then back to singles when the ill or injured player has recovered, even with a licensed physician of medicine's or osteopathic medicine's documented authorization.

(A team may elect to substitute or not substitute when the above authorized substitution conditions are present.)

Substitutions shall be made by utilizing direct-line substitution **ONLY**. Substitution of a singles player shall be made from the remaining seven students and shall result in the three singles players playing in order of their ability, in accordance with the Team's strength ladder line-up. Doubles Teams do not have to be disrupted in order to replace a singles player. When a singles player substitution is necessary, and a member of one of the schools' established doubles Teams is designated as that substitute, the resulting vacant doubles position shall be filled by a player from the Team's strength ladder line-up and, therefore, shall not be filled from the school's other established doubles Team.

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Substitution of both doubles partners shall be prohibited if only one of the two players experiences an illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the Tournament Director). **Furthermore, substitution of a player from one of the school's established doubles Teams to fill the spot of an ill/injured player on that school's other doubles Team shall be prohibited. Finally, changing the strength order of the school's doubles Teams following any appropriate direct-line substitution shall be prohibited.**

OPTION #2 NO SUBSTITUTIONS: A COACH HAS A TEAM MEMBER UNABLE TO PLAY DUE TO ILLNESS, INJURY, OR OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR). IF A COACH CHOOSES NOT TO SUBSTITUTE THAT POSITION IS RECORDED AS A FORFEIT AND WILL BE AWARDED TO THE OPPOSING TEAM STARTING THE MATCH WITH A SCORE OF 1-0 IN INDIVIDUAL MATCHES.

Moving players around with the intent of gaining a competitive advantage is prohibited and shall subject the Team to default from the Tournament.

RULES OF PLAY:

1. USTA rules will be followed and all rules pertaining to eligibility according to the PIAA by-laws will prevail.
2. Scoring will be traditional - best of three sets. If the score reaches "six-all" in any set, a 12-point tie-breaker shall be used to determine the winner of the set.
3. The only coaching will be during a two-minute break, **on the court**, between first and second sets and between second and third sets if the players should split sets. They may take a five-minute break and come off the courts at this time.
4. A written line-up must be presented simultaneously by both coaches prior to the start of the match.
5. Introductions are to take place at **3:30pm**. Warm up with the opponent is to take place at **3:45pm** and play begun by **4:00pm**.
6. The modified penalty point system of USTA shall apply. The first offense is a warning. Second offense, one point. Third offense, one game. Fourth offense, default.
7. If a match is postponed due to weather it will be played on the rain date. If the match is aborted due to inclement weather, it must commence at the point of interruption.
8. The players will call their own score.
9. **NO PROTEST RULE - Under PIAA there can be no protest of Contests as follows:**
"The Board of Directors, and District Committees will not consider any protest of Contests which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of play."
"In no case, will the results of a Contest be reversed nor will a Contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed." "Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Director."
10. At the point a Team has secured three wins, the remaining matches will be conducted using no-add scoring effective with the next game regardless of set. The rule revision is for PIAA District and Inter-District play.
11. If both coaches agree to pull remaining matches, those matches would be scored as "Did Not Finish".
12. If both coaches do not agree to pull the remaining matches, the team removing the player from the match would receive a loss by default. The opponent would be awarded a win.
13. At the point a team has secured three wins, the Tournament Director reserves the right to use a 10-point match tie-break set, in lieu of no add scoring, for the third set of play.

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DATES: DISTRICT I TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2017

A DIGITAL LADDER/LINEUP MUST BE SENT TO BECKY DESMOND BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 AT bd315@aol.com

All dual matches should be completed prior to May 3.

1st Round	Thurs., May 4	AA & AAA	Rain date	Mon., May 8
2nd Round	Mon., May 8	AA & AAA	Rain date	Tues., May 9
3rd Round	Tues., May 9	AA Final	Rain date	Wed., May 10 Firm
		AAA Semi	Rain date	Wed., May 10
4th Round	Wed., May 10	AAA Final & Cons	Rain date	Thurs., May 11 Firm

The higher seeds will host all matches. The home team may host the match even if they do not have five contiguous courts. The final will be played at a neutral site to be determined.

STATE QUALIFYING: AA 1 Team
AAA 4 Teams

STATE TEAM A & AAA 1ST ROUND - TUES., MAY 16

STATES: MAY 19 & 20 AT HERSHEY RACQUET CLUB

TEAM SEEDING MEETING: Tuesday, May 2, 7:30p.m. Plymouth Whitmarsh

A league TEAM champion needs to be determined prior to the seeding meeting.

METHOD OF SEEDING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING (THE ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT IN ORDER OF PRIORITY)

- Win - loss record.
- Record against common opponents within and outside of District I.
- Strength of 3-2 team match results

OFFICIAL'S ASSIGNMENT:

The coaches of the playing teams will oversee the preliminary rounds of the tournament. Both coaches are responsible for water, and first aid. Scorekeepers are to be used if either team has them. The district committee will oversee the entire tournament. A tournament official, appointed by the chairperson, will oversee the AA final and AAA final/consolation.

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: First place teams will receive a team trophy. First and second place individuals will receive medals.

SCORE REPORTING:

The winning team must report the score to the chairperson the evening of the match.

Call Becky Desmond **C 610-241-4693 H 610-269-8037** or email results to bd315@aol.com

MATCH BALLS: Balls will be provided by District I for the finals

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON: Questions should be directed to: Becky Desmond, 347 Manor Ave. Downingtown, PA 19335 **610-241-4693(C)** or 610-269-8037(H) Email bd315@aol.com