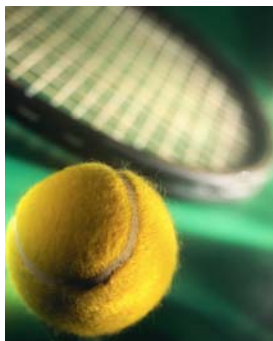

2017 INDIVIDUAL TENNIS FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATE	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Tournament Entry Due	May 8 via Survey Monkey	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website
Seeding:	May 10	
Sectional Rounds: Rain Date:	May 13-14, May 20-21 and May 27-28(<i>if necessary</i>)	
State Tournament Rounds:	Saturday, June 17 at St. John's HS Rain date- Sunday, June 18 Semi-Finals: 9:00 AM -- Boys and Girls Singles 10:30 AM – Boys and Girls Doubles North v. South Central v. West Singles: 1 hour break Doubles: 30 min. break State Finals: Approx. 1:00 PM. Boys & Girls Singles Approx. 1:00 PM Boys and Girls Doubles	North (B) Mr. Shawn Powers North (G) Mr. Chris DuBose South (B) Mr. Phil Goldberg South (G) Mr. Robert Hohne Central (B) Ms. Kate Breen
	SITE DIRECTORS Site Manager-North (B) Mr. John Geilfuss Site Manager-North (G) Mr. Bob Jampol Site Manager-South (B) Mr. Russ Keeler Site Manager-South (G) Linda Partridge	Central (G) Mr. Tim Breen West (B) Mr. Matt Smith West (G) Mr. Matt Smith State Boys & Girls Ms. Kate Breen

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED:	Due:
Tournament Entry- Entries submitted through Survey Monkey (link to be emailed to AD at a later date)	May 8, 2017

2017 MIAA BOYS/GIRLS SINGLES/DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

A. Criteria for Entry

1. ***A player must be a bona fide member of an MIAA high school tennis team.***
2. Each boys and girls team is limited to a total of (5) five entries (3 singles and 2 doubles teams) into the MIAA sectional singles/doubles tennis tournament.
3. Doubles players must have played half their matches up to the time of the first round of the sectional tournament as doubles, though not necessarily with each other.
4. ***Players must be entered in order of their position on the team.***
5. Entries must be submitted electronically to the MIAA on or before Monday, May 8th, 2017
6. ***NO entries or substitutions will be accepted at the sites.***
7. ***NOTE: All players must be accompanied by a coach as signed on the official entry form or the player(s) will not be allowed to participate. The coach must remain for the entire match(es). (SEE SECTION C-9)***
8. **Any mixed doubles teams (one male, one female) must play in the boys' doubles tournament.**

B. Proposed Sites and Assignments - The following is subject to change at Tournament Director discretion.

1. South Boys

- a. Sites for first weekend: Durfee High School/Barnstable High School/Newton North High School
Saturday 8:45AM check-in, 9:00AM start; Sunday 10:00AM start

Teams from the following leagues/schools will be placed at Durfee, Barnstable or Newton North, with the goal of achieving a balance of strength and number at each site.

- 1) Leagues: Mayflower, Eastern Athletic Conference, South Coast, Atlantic Coast, Old Colony, Hockomock, South Shore, Bay State and Patriot
- 2) Schools: New Bedford, Durfee, Mashpee, Middleboro, Duxbury, Pembroke, Cape Cod Academy, Carver, Sturgis, Martha's Vineyard, Silver Lake, Harwich, Quincy, North Quincy, Brockton, Catholic Memorial, Xaverian, and B.C. High.

- b. Newton North High School-Second weekend

Seeding Meeting May 10th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

2. South Girls

- a. Sites for first weekend: Old Rochester HS/Tabor Academy/Hingham HS/Wareham HS
Saturday 8:30AM singles at Old Rochester, Tabor Academy and Hingham
Saturday 10:00 doubles at Wareham HS and 11:00AM at Hingham HS

Teams from the following leagues/schools will be placed at ORR, Tabor Academy, Hingham or Wareham, with the goal of achieving a balance of strength and number of each site.

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- 1) Leagues: Mayflower, South Coast, Eastern Athletic Conference, Atlantic Coast, Old Colony, Hockomock, Bay State, Girls Catholic Conference, South Shore, and Patriot
 - 2) Schools: Silver Lake, Pembroke, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod Academy, Sturgis, Middleboro, Carver, New Bedford, Durfee, Harwich, Mashpee, Quincy, North Quincy, Marshfield, Brockton, Cardinal Spellman, and Archbishop Williams

- b. Old Rochester Regional High School- Second Weekend

Seeding Meeting May 10th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

3. North Boys

- a. Sites for first weekend: Methuen High School and Wayland High School; Saturday start time 8:30am.

Teams from the following leagues/schools will be placed at Methuen High School or Wayland with a goal of achieving a balance of strength and number at each site:

- 1) Leagues: Cape Ann, Commonwealth, Dual County, Greater Boston, Northeast Conference, Merrimack Valley, and Tri-Valley
 - 2) Schools: Arlington Catholic, Austin Prep., Belmont, Bishop Fenwick, Burlington, Lexington, Malden Catholic, Melrose, Reading, St. John's (Danvers), St. Mary's (Lynn), Stoneham, Wakefield, Watertown, Winchester, and Woburn.
- b. Wayland or Lexington High School: Finals - North sectional boys' - Second weekend

Seeding Meeting May 10th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

4. North Girls

- a. Sites for first weekend: Newton South High School and Lexington High School
Saturday start time 8:30AM singles, 10:00AM doubles

Teams will be placed at either Newton South or Lexington, with the goal of achieving a balance of strength and number at each site.

- 1) Leagues: Cape Ann, Catholic Conference (schools north of the Mass Pike), Commonwealth, Dual County, Greater Boston, Merrimack Valley, Middlesex, Northeast Conference and Tri Valley.
Independent schools north of the Mass Pike.
- b. Lexington High School: All Finals - Second weekend

Seeding Meeting May 10th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

5. Central Boys

- a. Saturday, May 13th Algonquin RHS: Singles at 8:30AM (2 rounds), Doubles at 12:30PM (1 round)
- b. Sunday, May 14th Algonquin RHS: Singles at 8:30AM (2 rounds), Doubles at 10:00AM (2 rounds)
- c. St. John's HS- Second weekend

Seeding Meeting May 10th at **St. John's HS, Ryken Center at 6:30PM**

6. **Central Girls**

- a. Saturday, May 13th St. John's HS and Shrewsbury HS: Singles at 8:30AM (2 rounds), Doubles at 12:30PM (1 round). All players report to Shrewsbury HS.
- b. Sunday, May 14th St. John's HS and Shrewsbury HS: Singles at 8:30AM (2 rounds), Doubles at 10:00AM (2 rounds). All players report to Shrewsbury HS.
- c. St. John's HS– Second weekend

Seeding Meeting May 10th at **St. John's HS, Ryken Center at 6:30PM**

7. **West Boys**

- a. Saturday, May 13th- singles only- Longmeadow HS- 8:45AM
- b. Sunday, May 14th- singles and doubles- Longmeadow HS-8:45AM
- c. Saturday, May 20th- Semifinals and Finals-Longmeadow HS- 9:00AM

Seeding Meeting May 10th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

8. **West Girls**

- a. Saturday, May 13th- singles and doubles- Smith College- 9:00AM
- b. Sunday, May 14th- singles and doubles- Smith College- 9:00AM
- c. Saturday, May 20th Semifinals and Finals-Longmeadow HS- 9:00AM

Seeding Meeting May 10th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

9. **State -** All sectional winners will play at St. John's HS, Shrewsbury

C. Tournament Regulations - Sectional and State

1. **Draw**

a. **Sectionals**

- 1). The draw and the operation of the tournament shall be the sole responsibility of the sectional Tournament Director.
- 2). Singles players and doubles team(s) from the same school shall be in separate quarters of the draw.
- 3). Players from the same league should not meet in the first round, where possible.

b. **State - (See Page 2)**

2. **Game Balls**

a. **Sectionals**

- 1) USTA approved *Extra Duty* optic yellow balls must be used. Regular Duty balls are not acceptable.
- 2) New balls will be used automatically for any match reaching a third set.
- 3) Each singles/doubles team must bring an unopened can of balls.
- 4) Coaches should bring extra balls in case of a three set match, loss or damage.
- 5) The winner of each match receives an unopened can to use for the next round.
- 6) This procedure is repeated for each round.

b. **State -** USTA approved *Extra Duty* optic yellow balls will be provided by the Tournament Director.

3. **Game Rules**

- a. The rules of tennis as found in the 2015-2017 MIAA Handbook, this tournament format and the USTA rules will be in effect for all matches.
- b. USTA rules mandate a ten (10) minute player rest period when a match proceeds to a third set.
- c. Players are not to leave the playing enclosure during the match except for a bathroom break and/or the mandated ten (10) minute break between the second and third set when applicable.
- d. Tie-Break- The 7 point tie break will be used in all matches when the set score reaches 6-6 in games.
- e. The first three games of each set will be played without a rest except for the change of ends after the first game. Coaching is allowed by the high school coach during odd game changeovers for one minute except after the first game of each set. Coaching is also allowed during the 2 minute rest period at the end of each set. Coaches are not allowed on the playing surface.
- f. In accordance with USTA Rules, a wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The second bounce can be in or out of the court boundaries.
- g. The racquet spin is to be conducted before the ten minute warm-up period.
- h. Playing sites shall be asphalt or hard court consistency.
- i. Injury Time Out - as specified by the MIAA handbook (maximum of 5 minutes), includes both evaluation and treatment.
- j. Players will receive at least one (1) hour rest between single matches and one-half (1/2) hour rest between doubles matches.
- k. It is recommended that students not be requested to play more than 2 matches in one day, but if unavoidable, early in the tournament, they may be required to play a third match.

4. **Medical Coverage** – It is the responsibility of each participating school to provide for the first aid/medical needs of their student athletes.

5. **Sportsmanship** - The tournament director or his/her designee shall have authority to default any player for unsportsmanlike conduct. A warning should precede any disqualification. However, a flagrant violation may result in immediate disqualification. This authority includes matches where officials are assigned.

6. **Line Calls/Foot Faults**

- a. Complaints concerning line calls or foot faults shall be made by a player to his/her coach.
- b. It shall be the coach's decision to inform the tournament director of any concerns.
- c. The tournament director shall inform the opposing coach and player of the concerns.
- d. Upon request the tournament director or site director shall provide a court monitor to supervise the match. Coaches and/or students are not allowed to be on the court making line calls.
- e. Students and coaches shall not be asked to watch the lines.

7. **Dress** - All players must be dressed in the official school uniform to participate.

8. **Starting Times**

- a. Players are to be at the playing site or assigned courts on time, ready to play.
- b. After a fifteen (15) minute wait period, if the coach has not communicated with the tournament director the match will be defaulted.
- c. The player receiving the default will advance to the next round of play.
- d. **PLAYERS ENTERED IN THE TOURNAMENT ARE EXPECTED TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN EVERY ROUND THEY ATTAIN.**

9. Coach/School Designee

- a. **IMPORTANT: All players must be accompanied by their high school coach(es). The coach must identify him/herself to the tournament director upon arrival at the tournament site.**
- b. If the high school coach is unable to attend, the principal or athletic director may appoint an official school designee. Notification must be submitted prior to the event or presented to the Tournament Director when the player(s) check in. Only the coach/official school designee may coach during the match. Personal coaches may not provide coaching at anytime during the match or in between sets.
- c. The coach/official school designee is to remain at the tournament site for the entire playing time of his/her player(s).
- d. Failure to observe these rules will result in the player(s) being defaulted.

10. Inclement Weather/Postponements

- a. If rain dates have been exhausted and inclement weather occurs, permission to schedule indoor matches must first be obtained from either Kate Breen (Tournament Director) or Carolyn Bohmiller (at the MIAA office).
- b. In case of rain, only the site director/tournament director or official is responsible for the decision to play or not.
- c. If rain occurs during matches, only the site director/tournament director or official will decide if play should continue.
- d. A suspended match shall resume at the exact point of suspension.
- e. PLEASE HELP! Schools are requested to bring extra roll-dri or squeegee(s).
- f. Coaches and Players should check the MIAA Tournament Website (www.miaa.net) for postponements and schedule changes before departing to the tournament location.

11. Umpires

- a. Sectional – use of roving umpires at sectional semi-finals and finals
- b. State – use of chair umpires at semi-finals and finals

D. Drone Policy

MIAA Drone Policy - Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the MIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

E. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

All schools are responsible before, during and after a match for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the match in which a problem occurred.