
2018 INDIVIDUAL TENNIS FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATE	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Tournament Entry Due	May 7 via Survey Monkey	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website
Seeding:	May 9	
Sectional Rounds: Rain Date:	May 12-13, May 19-20 and May 26-27(<i>if necessary</i>)	
State Tournament Rounds:	Saturday, June 16 at St. John's HS Rain date- Sunday, June 17 Semi-Finals: 9:00 AM -- Boys and Girls Singles 10:30 AM – Boys and Girls Doubles North v. West Central v. South 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	<p>North (B) Mr. Shawn Powers</p> <p>North (G) Mr. Chris DuBose</p> <p>South (B) Mr. Phil Goldberg</p> <p>South (G) Mr. Robert Hohne</p> <p>Central (B) Ms. Kate Breen</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">SITE DIRECTORS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Site Manager-North (B) Mr. John Geilfuss</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Site Manager-North (G) Mr. Bob Jampol</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Site Manager-South (B) Mr. Karsten Rathlev</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Site Manager-South (G) Linda Partridge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Central (G) Mr. Tim Breen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West (B) Mr. Matt Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West (G) Mr. Matt Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State Boys & Girls Ms. Kate Breen</p>

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED:	Due:
Tournament Entry- Entries submitted through Survey Monkey (link to be emailed to AD at a later date)	May 7, 2018

2018 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 7th, 2018
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.
9. In accordance with MIAA Rule 43.2.1.2, students from mixed gender regular season teams will participate in the regional and state tournaments of their own gender in the individual tournament.

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

1. South Boys

- a. Sites for first weekend: U. Mass Dartmouth, Barnstable HS and Newton North HS

Teams from the following leagues/schools will be placed at U. Mass Dartmouth, 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 9th. **Contact Tournament Director for time and location.**

2. South Girls

- a. Sites for first weekend: Old Rochester HS/Tabor Academy/Hingham HS/Wareham HS
Sat singles report at 8:30am at Hingham HS or ORR

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.

- 1) Leagues: Mayflower, South Coast, Eastern Athletic Conference, Atlantic Coast, Old Colony, Hockomock, Bay State, Girls Catholic Conference, South Shore, and Patriot

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- 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 9th 7:00pm at Hingham HS & ORR

3. North Boys

- a. Sites for first weekend: Methuen High School and Weston High School

Teams from the following leagues/schools will be placed at Methuen High School or Weston 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. Weston or Lexington High School: Finals - North sectional boys' - Second weekend

Seeding Meeting May 9th. Contact Tournament Director for time and location.

4. North Girls

- a. Sites for first weekend: Newton South High School and Lexington High School
Newton South: Saturday start time 8:30am singles, 10:30am doubles
Lexington HS: Saturday start time 8:15am singles, 11:00am 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 9th. Contact Tournament Director for time and location.

5. Central Boys

- a. First weekend- Algonquin RHS & Melican MS. Report to Algonquin.
Sat singles 8:30am doubles 12:30pm
- b. Second weekend- St. John's HS

Seeding Meeting May 9th 6:30pm at St. John's HS, Ryken Center

6. **Central Girls**

- a. First weekend- St. John's HS and Shrewsbury HS. Report to Shrewsbury.
Sat singles 8:30am doubles 12:30pm
- b. Second weekend- St. John's HS

Seeding Meeting May 9th 6:30pm at St. John's HS, Ryken Center

7. **West Boys**

- a. First and Second weekend- Longmeadow HS

Seeding Meeting May 9th 6:00pm at SABIS.

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- a. First and Second weekend- Longmeadow HS

Seeding Meeting May 9th 6:00pm at SABIS

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**

- 1). If a sectional winner is ineligible to play in the state tournament, the player/s they beat in the sectional final can replace them.
- 2). The operation of the tournament shall be the sole responsibility of the state Tournament Director.

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 2017-2019 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. Only one coach at a time can be coaching a player. Personal coaches may not provide coaching at anytime during the match or in between sets. At no time can a personal coach act as the school designee unless they are the official head or assistant coach of the team.
- 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

The MIAA and USTA Code of Conduct should be reviewed and followed throughout the tournament. 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.