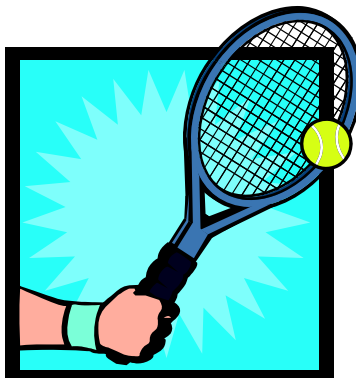


2017 TEAM TENNIS FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



2016-2017 TENNIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dist. A	VACANCY	Dist. F	Dr. Vito Perrone Principal, W. Springfield HS
	Mrs. Kelly Farley A.D., Swampscott HS		Mr. Glenn Doulette A.D., W. Springfield HS
Dist. B	Ms. Meghan Patrissi A.P., Woburn HS	Dist. G	Mr. Brian Cogswell A. P., Lenox Memorial HS
	Ms. Nicole Viele A.D., Somerville HS		Mr. David Racette A.D., Drury HS
Dist. C	Ms. Diana Myers-Pachla Principal, Foxboro HS	Dist. H	Ms. Julie Gosselin A.D., Mt. Alvernia HS
	Mr. Micah Hauben, A.D., Needham HS		Mr. Jameson Pelkey Assistant A.D., St. John's Prep
Dist. D	Mr. Brian McCann Principal, Case HS		Coaches' Representatives Mr. Bob Jampol Ms. Joan Cutter
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	Mr. Parry Graham Principal, Nashoba RHS		
	Ms. Patricia Provost A.D., Notre Dame Academy (W)		MIAA STAFF LIAISON Carolyn Bohmiller
	Ms. Pam Alexander A.D., Bromfield School		

2017 TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Season Schedule & Commitment	Received on or before: April 15, 2017	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website
Tournament Entry	Received on or before 8:00 PM Wednesday, May 24, 2017	
Cut-Off Date:	Monday, May 29, 2017 at 4:00 PM	
Pairings:	North and South , Tuesday, May 30 at 8:30 AM at the MIAA Office Central , Tuesday, May 30 at 4:00 PM at Shrewsbury HS Girls West , Tuesday, May 30 at 10:00 AM at Lenox Memorial HS Boys West , Tuesday, May 30 at 10:00 AM at SABIS International Charter School	NORTH (B) Mr. Brian McNally NORTH (G) Mr. Robert Lospennato SOUTH (B) Mr. Ron Ford
Sectional Rounds:	Thursday, June 1 concluding no later than Sunday, June 11	SOUTH (G) Mr. Ron Ford
Boys & Girls Semi-Finals:	Monday, June 12 (Div I & III) Rain date- Next available date Girls Div. I Central at West – TBA North at South – TBA Girls Div. III West at Central – TBA South at North – TBA Boys Div. I West at Central – TBA South at North – TBA Boys Div. III Central at West – TBA North at South – TBA	CENTRAL (B) Ms. Kate Breen CENTRAL (G) Mr. Bill Gibbons WEST (B) Mr. Matt Smith WEST (G) Mr. Art Reilly

Boys & Girls Finals:	<p>Girls:</p> <p>Div. I Wednesday, June 14 St. John's HS</p> <p>Div. II Tuesday, June 13 North at South, Location TBD</p> <p>Div. III Wednesday, June 14 St. John's HS</p> <p>Rain date- Next available date</p> <p>Boys:</p> <p>Div. I Thursday, June 15 St. John's HS or neutral site</p> <p>Div. II Tuesday, June 13 North at South, Location TBD</p> <p>Div III Thursday, June 15 St. John's HS</p> <p>Rain date- Next available date</p>	<p>STATE BOYS Ms. Kate Breen</p> <p>STATE GIRLS Mr. William Gibbons</p>
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	DEADLINE
Season Schedule & Commitment	April 15, 2017
Tournament Entry	May 24, 2017
Tournament Roster	May 24, 2017
Team Sportsmanship Nomination	May 31, 2017

2017 MIAA TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A. Seeding

1. Seeding will be done according to winning percentage. Central and Western MA will use a modified WALKER SYSTEM for seeding.
2. All ties will be broken by head to head result and then by coin toss by the tournament director.
3. Teams comprised of both boys and girls will play in the appropriate boys' tournament.

B. Pairing Announcements

1. Pairings will be posted on the MIAA Tournament Website at www.miaa.net.

C. Game Sites

1. All teams involved in the tournament must play at the time, site and date set by the Tournament Director.
2. All rounds through the sectional semi-finals will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team unless site is determined to be unsuitable by the director. **The Athletic Director or designee, other than the head coach, will serve as the Site Director and must be available for the duration of the match.**
3. Sectional final matches will be played on neutral courts as designated by the Tournament Director.
4. Playing sites shall be outdoors on courts of asphalt or asphalt consistency. Exception: In case of inclement weather the tournament matches, with mutual consent and at the expense of the host team, may be moved indoors.
5. Three or more contiguous courts must be available. Questions of suitability will be determined by the director.

D. Medical - It is the responsibility of each participating school to provide for the first aid/medical needs of its student athletes.

E. Umpires - Umpires assigned by USTA will be used for sectional finals & state semi-finals & finals.

F. Game Management

1. Start Time
 - a. Teams are to arrive at designated playing site at least 15 minutes before starting time.
2. Dress - All players must be dressed in the official school uniform to participate. Failure of a player to comply will result in default.
3. Sportsmanship - The Tournament Director or his/her designee shall have the 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.
4. Adverse Conditions or Postponements
 - a. In case of rain, only the tournament director/site director or official is responsible for the decision to play or not.
 - b. If rain occurs during a match, only the tournament director/site director or official will determine if match is to be continued.
 - c. Any decision regarding postponement should be made with player safety as the paramount consideration.
 - d. A suspended match shall resume at the exact point of suspension with the exact same line-ups.
 - e. Any change in the assigned site or time must be approved by the Tournament Director.
 - f. If rain dates have been exhausted and inclement weather occurs, permission to schedule indoor matches must first be obtained from the appropriate Tournament Director or Carolyn Bohmiller at the MIAA office.
 - g. *PLEASE HELP! Schools are requested to bring extra roll-dri or squeegee(s).*

G. Reporting Scores

The coach or athletic director of the winning school must telephone the scores of his/her team match to the Tournament Director upon completion of the match.

H. Game Balls

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 home team must bring 10 unopened cans of balls for each match through the sectional semi-finals.
4. Each team must bring 10 unopened cans to neutral site matches.
 - a. Coaches should bring extra balls in case of a three set match, loss or damage.
 - b. The winner of each match receives an unopened can to use for the next round. If two cans have been opened, the winner receives two unopened cans of balls.

I. School Representative

1. **All teams must be accompanied by the high school tennis coach(es) as identified on the official entry form.**
2. The coach must remain at the tournament site until the completion of the entire match.
3. 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 players 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.
4. Failure to observe these rules will result in the team being defaulted.

J. Game Rules - **IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ AND KNOW THIS INFORMATION.**

1. 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.
2. Handbook Rule #80.1.3 must be strictly adhered to:
 - a. 1st and 2nd singles players and doubles teams must be played in order of ability.
 - b. Coaches must exchange the tournament line up justification form prior to the match. (see Page 8)
 - c. Failure to comply with this rule will result in match forfeiture of that team's point or points affected by the violation.
 - d. All challenge matches must terminate prior to June 1, 2017.
3. Tie-Break - The 7 point tie break will be used in all matches when the set score reaches 6-6 in games. If the team match has been decided and an individual match is still in progress, in the event of split sets, there will be a three (3) minute break followed by a first-to-ten-by-two match tie-breaker. Players are not allowed to leave the court prior to the tie-breaker.
4. 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 two (2) minute rest period at the end of each set. Coaches are not allowed on the playing surface.
5. 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.
6. The racquet spin is to be conducted before the ten minute warm-up period.

7. **Play**

- a. **USTA rules mandate a ten (10) minute player rest period when a match proceeds to a third set.**
- b. Play is to be continuous. NO player may leave the court until the completion of his/her match. 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.
- c. Injury Time Out - as specified by the MIAA handbook (5 minutes), includes both evaluation and treatment.

8. **Line/Foot Fault Calls**

- 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 shall provide an arbitrator to monitor the match.
- e. Students and/or coaches should not be asked to watch the lines.

9. **Protest** - will be resolved by the tournament director or his/her designee according to the rules of tennis.

10. **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.

SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT Exams:

A. Team Tennis Tournament matches may be scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, June 3- the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Team matches may also be scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, June 10, the day the ACT is being administered. Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made. A list of all sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website.

B. The College Board offers a SAT Program Alternate Test Date Policy. As stated in their published material: "The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:

- **The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event"**

C. SAT School Day: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director, K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451

IMPORTANT:

ALL TEAMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACH. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE TEAM BEING DEFAULTED.

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 TEAM CHECKS IN.

Tournament Line-up Justification Form (Refer to Rule#80.1.3)

School Name: _____

Town: _____

Note: *The Team Tournament Format stipulates that no challenge matches be undertaken later than the day before the team tournament starts. It also states that the best two players on the team, as determined by challenge matches, must play at first and second singles, the first singles player being the winner of the most recent challenge match between the two. Of the two doubles teams in the line-up, the first must have defeated the second in the most recent challenge match between the two.*

First Singles Player: _____

Result of most recent challenge match with second singles player:

Date: _____ **Result:** _____

Result of most recent challenge match with third singles player:

Date: _____ **Result:** _____

Second Singles Player: _____

History of most recent challenge match with each of the three next best players in the starting line-up, excluding first singles player (listed above):

Date: _____ **Player :** _____ **Result:** _____

Date: _____ **Player :** _____ **Result:** _____

Date: _____ **Player :** _____ **Result:** _____

Third Singles Player: _____

First Doubles Team: _____ **and** _____

Result of most recent challenge match with second doubles team:

Date: _____ **Result:** _____

Second Doubles Team: _____ **and** _____

Coach Name: _____ **Coach Signature:** _____ **Date** _____

AD Name: _____ **AD Signature:** _____ **Date** _____



**Boys' and Girls' Team
Tennis Sportsmanship Award**

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to a school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship.

We would like to encourage you to nominate a boys' or girls' varsity tennis team for consideration by the MIAA Tennis Committee for recognition at the MIAA Tennis Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Self-nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Boys' and Girls' Tennis Sportsmanship Award:

School: _____ Division: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____ School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!

Your Name _____ **Signature** _____

Position _____ **School** _____

Date _____ **Phone** _____

Send to: MIAA
Attn: Carolyn Bohmiller
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

Nominations must be received by May 31, 2017