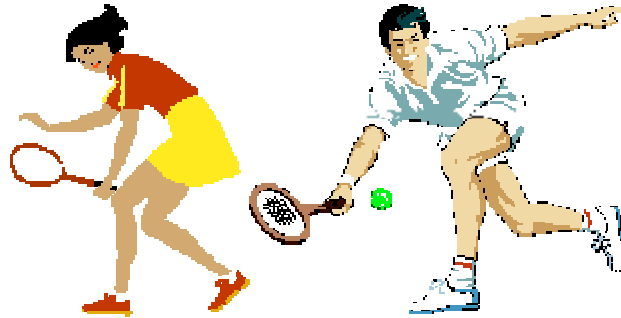


2006 TEAM TENNIS FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



2005-2006 TENNIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

| | | | |
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| Dist. A | Ms. Sue Nicholson Principal, North Andover HS | Dist. F | Mr. John Miller Principal, Cathedral HS |
| | Mr. Chris Aufiero A.D., Bedford HS | | Mr. Dan Walsh A.D., Cathedral HS |
| Dist. B | Mr. George Mechem Asst. Prin., Lexington HS | Dist. G | Mr. Howard Trombley Asst. Prin., Monument Mtn HS |
| | Ms. Maria DiClemente A.D. Cambridge R & L School | | Mr. Brian Cogswell Athletic Director, Lenox Memorial HS |
| Dist. C | Mr. Ron Ford A.D. Cohasset HS | Dist.H | TBA |
| | TBA | | Mr. Paul Athanasiadis A.D., St. Mary's Jr./Sr. HS |
| Dist. D | TBA | | MSCA Representative Mr. Chris Dubose |
| | TBA | | MASS Representative Dr. Michael Dubrulle |
| Dist. E | Mr. Daniel O'Leary Asst. Prin.. David Prouty HS | | MIAA STAFF LIAISON Bill McGuirk Assistant Director |
| | Ms. Patricia Provost A.D., Notre Dame Academy | | |

2006 TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

| ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION | DATES | TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS |
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| Season Schedule & Commitment Form Due: | Received on or before: April 15, 2006 | Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website |
| Tournament Entry Form Due: | Received on or before 8:00 p.m.: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 | |
| Cut-Off Date: | Monday, May 29, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. | NORTH (B) Mr. Brian McNally |
| Pairings: | Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the MIAA office (West at Monument Mt. Reg. HS) | NORTH (G) Mr. Robert Lospennato |
| Sectional Rounds: | Thursday, June 1 and concludes no later than Sunday, June 11 | SOUTH(B) Mr. Dennis Comolli |
| Boys & Girls Semi-Finals: | <p>Monday, June 12 (Div I & II) At 3:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise Raindate - June 13th</p> <p>Girls Div. I West at Central– Clark University @ 3:30 p.m. South at North – TBA</p> <p>Girls Div. II Central at West – TBA North at South – TBA</p> <p>Boys Div. I Central at West – TBA North at South – TBA</p> <p>Boys Div. II West at Central – Holy Cross @ 3:30 p.m. South at North -- TBA</p> | SOUTH(G) Ms. Faith Heneghan |
| | | CENTRAL (G) Mr. William Gibbons |
| | | CENTRAL (B) Ms. Kate Breen |
| | | WEST (B) Mr. Tom Voisen |
| FINALS: | <p>Girls – Wednesday, June 14, 2006 Raindate - June 16th</p> <p>Div I – Holy Cross – 3:30 p.m. Div II – Clark Univ. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Boys – Thursday, June 15, 2006</p> <p>Div I - Holy Cross – 3:30 p.m. Div II – Clark Univ. – 3:30 p.m.</p> | WEST(G) Ms. Marilyn Purdy |
| | | STATE BOYS Ms. Kate Breen |
| | | STATE GIRLS Mr. William Gibbons |

THE FOLLOWING FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

| FORMS | DEADLINE |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Season Schedule & Commitment Form | Saturday, April 15, 2006 |
| Tournament Entry Form | Wednesday, May 24, 2006 |
| Facility Information Form | Wednesday, May 24, 2006 |
| Tournament Roster Form | Wednesday, May 24, 2006 |
| Tournament Code of Conduct Form | Wednesday, May 24, 2006 |
| Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form | Tuesday, May 30, 2006 |

2006 MIAA TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A. Seeding

1. Seedings will be done according to winning percentage. Western MA will use a modified WALKER SYSTEM for seeding.
2. Whenever possible two undefeated teams or two teams from the same league will not be paired against one another in the first round.
3. Teams comprised of both boys and girls will play in the appropriate boys' tournament.

B. Pairing Announcements

1. Principal/Athletic Director will be contacted by a Tournament Director on May 30th during the school day.
2. Principal/Athletic Director will continue to be contacted throughout the tournament to provide information on next date of match and site.

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.
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. Transportation - All schools involved in the tournament assume their own transportation costs.

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

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

G. Game Management

1. Start Time

- a. Teams are to arrive at designated playing site at least 15 minutes before starting time.
- b. If a Team is not at the playing site by the designated playing time, 30 minutes must pass before the site director may declare a forfeit.

2. Dress

- All players must be dressed in the official school uniform to participate. Players are asked to avoid sneakers with black soles to eliminate any adverse markings on playing surfaces of our host sites. 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, the site director is responsible for the decision to play or not.
- b. If rain occurs during a match the site director 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 Bill McGuirk at the MIAA office.

H. 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.

I. Game Balls

1. Each home team will provide 15 new USTA approved optic yellow tennis balls (not low pressure) for each match. This procedure will be repeated for each round through the sectional semi-finals.
2. **Each team will bring 15 new USTA approved optic yellow tennis balls (not low pressure) to neutral site matches. The winning team receives the 15 unused balls to bring to the next round match.**
3. **Coaches should bring extra balls in case of loss or damage.**

J. School Representative

1. All teams **must be** accompanied by the high school tennis coach as signed on the official entry form.
2. The coach must remain at the tournament site until the completion of the entire match.
3. In case of an emergency the principal, in a signed letter may appoint an official school designee.
4. Failure to observe this rule will result in the team being defaulted.

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

1. The rules of tennis as found in the 2005-2006 MIAA Handbook, this tournament format and the USTA rules will be in effect for all matches
2. **Handbook Rule #79.1.3 must be strictly adhered to:**
 - a. 1st and 2nd singles players and doubles teams must be played in order of ability.
 - b. All challenge matches must terminate prior to June 1, 2006.
 - c. For teams that qualify in the fall, spring challenge matches must be held two weeks prior to the initial tournament competition
3. **Tie-Break** - The 12 point tie break will be used in all matches when the set score reaches 6-6 in games.
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 2 minute rest period at the end of each set. Coaches are not allowed on the playing surface.
5. The racquet spin is to be conducted before the ten minute warm-up period.
6. **Play**
 - a. Play is to be continuous. NO player may leave the court until the completion of his/her match.
 - b. Injury Time Out - as specified by the handbook (5 minutes)
7. **Line-Ups**
 - a. When coaches exchange line-up cards, they must also exchange a card giving the basis/justification of their team line-ups spelling out exactly why their players/doubles are playing in the order they are.
 - b. Failure to comply with this rule may result in team forfeiture.
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 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.

IMPORTANT:

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

*In case of an emergency the principal may sign a letter written on school letterhead designating a member of the school staff as the official school designee. This must be presented by the designee to the Tournament Director upon arrival at the tournament site. The designee must remain at the tournament site throughout the entire match.



**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: Bill McGuirk
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

Nominations must be received by May 30, 2006