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ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

WIAA/DAIRY FARMERS OF WASHINGTON/LES SCHWAB TIRES
2016 Bound for State Regulations



May 27-28, 2016

1B/2B/1A:	Yakima Tennis Club	(Yakima)
2A:	Nordstrom Tennis Center	(Seattle)
3A:	Kamiakin High School & Tri-City Court Club	(Kennewick)
4A:	Richland HS, Hanford HS & Columbia Basin Racquet Club	(Richland)

Changes from the 2014-15 Tennis Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.

Format

A modified double elimination tournament will be followed.

Entries

Each school shall be limited to three (3) singles and three (3) doubles entries. A participant may compete in only one (1) event.

Each school will be billed a \$30.00 entry fee for each individual participating in the State Championships.

Substitution

In the event a qualified contestant is unable to compete, it is the responsibility of the principal of the school of the indisposed contestant(s) to notify the State Tournament Manager, who, in turn, will notify the principal of the next qualified contestant. The replaced contestant will not be allowed to participate in the State Tournament. This procedure provides for the allocation to be awarded to the individual(s) who qualify and not the school (substitutions of doubles team contestants would not be allowed.) No substitutions will be allowed after the official start of the Tournament.

Allocations

Allocations in tennis are made to the WIAA Districts.

Attire

Each participant must be wearing an appropriate tennis uniform approved by the school. Cut-offs, jeans and exposed midriiffs are illegal. All lettering or writing on the uniform is restricted to school identification and manufacturer logo (limited to 1 1/2" x 1 1/2".) Bandannas are illegal; single color unadorned sweat bands and/or head bands are permissible. Coaches are expected to enforce the dress code. If a violation occurs, the Tournament Manager or designee is empowered to enforce the Point Penalty System and may disqualify the participant.

Court Assignments

Courts for matches will be assigned by the official in charge.

Game Balls

Game balls will be provided at the state tournament.

Warm-up Time

Is limited to 10 minutes and includes service. In doubles, both balls should be used simultaneously.

Coaching

While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults or other players; only the recognized school coach (one person only) is allowed to coach players on the court. Coaching is permissible during the break between the 1st and 2nd sets (two minutes maximum) and the 2nd and 3rd sets (10 minutes maximum) and any official suspension of play.

Conduct

The Tournament Manager or designee shall issue a general explanation to players and coaches prior to state tournament play about the Point Penalty System and define appropriate court behavior and specific types of conduct violations (such as racquet abuse, ball abuse, abuse of officials, delay of game, inappropriate language, or physical contact), and in general, unsportsmanlike conduct. The Tournament manager, upon consultation with the Games Committee, may disqualify players during any state tournament contest.

1. It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to inform players and fans of proper tennis spectator etiquette. If a problem arises, play should be suspended until the offending spectator(s) is removed.
 - A. Proper spectator etiquette will be defined as follows:
 - 1) Spectators should clap only to show appreciation for good shots and long rallies (not on unforced errors).
 - 2) Spectators should refrain from carrying on any direct conversation with players involved in a match.
 - 3) Spectators should refrain from making loud comments questioning the ethics or abilities of any of the players.
2. Players should be warned before the start of a match/tournament that unsportsmanlike displays will result in enforcement of the point penalty system. It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to assess the penalty immediately upon learning of the infraction from tournament management staff.

Some displays of unsportsmanlike acts:

 - 1) Racquet abuse: throwing or slamming the racquet on the ground, against the fence or net, or dropping and kicking the racquet in a show of anger or frustration.
 - 2) Cursing: use of any offensive or vulgar language at a level which can be clearly heard by spectators in a show of anger or frustration.
 - 3) Delay of Game: slamming balls out of the court or intentionally hitting balls away from opponents so they will have to take extra time to retrieve them between points.
 - 4) Unacceptable Behavior toward Opponent: slamming balls directly at opponents after a point is over, name-calling, etc.
3. Unsportsmanlike behavior directed toward a coach or official (appointed line or foot-fault judge) may result in forfeiture of current match, or, if the infraction occurs following a match, forfeiture of the player's next scheduled match.
4. All physical contact between players during a match is prohibited. Any such contact may result in a default to the player who initiates this contact.
5. Any appeal of the implementation of the Point Penalty System should be made before the next live ball to the Games Committee.

Rules of Play

USTA contest administration rules shall apply.

1. Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded. After the second set, either player is entitled to rest which shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.
2. The foot fault rule is to be observed. In the event of the infraction of the rule, the player may contact the referee or tournament manager and request a foot fault judge.
3. A participant may compete in more than two (2) matches per day.

4. 12-Point Tie Breaker Method For Singles & Doubles

Singles

A serves first point (from right court); B serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); A serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); B serves point 6 (left) and after they change ends, point 7 (right). A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); B serves points 10 and 11 (left and right) and A serves 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before. A serves point 13 (right); B serves points 14 and 15 (left and right); etc., etc., until one player establishes a margin of two points. Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with Player B to serve first.

Doubles - Follows the same pattern as singles, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns. Assuming A & B vs C & D - Player A serves first point (right); C serves 2 and 3 (left and right); B serves 4 and 5 (left and right); D serves point 6 (left) and after teams change ends, point 7 (right). A serves 8 and 9 (left and right); C serves 10 and 11 (left and right) and B serves point 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, teams change ends and continue as before. B serves point 13 (right); D serves points 14 and 15 (left and right); etc., until one team establishes a margin of two points. Teams change ends for one game to start the next set, with team C & D to serve first.

Changing Sides of the Court

Individuals or doubles teams switch in every set on odd games. If the score at the end of a set is 6-3 (total of 9 games), the participants will change ends for one game, then change ends again before playing the next two games. If the score is even (6-4), the participants will stay for one game and then change ends.

Speed Up Rule

The "no ad" rule can be used in case of emergency or inclement weather, but must be determined before each match begins.

Officials

Most matches will not have line judges. Each player is expected to observe the rules and to call shots correctly when receiving. In the event a player should want line judges, the participant's coach must make the request to the Tournament Manager and that coach will serve as one of the line judges.

Spectators

All spectators, players and coaches are restricted to the areas outside the courts during the progress of a match. Unnecessary noise or distractions are not customary at a tennis match. The applauding of errors is considered very poor etiquette. Applause is in order for winning shots or excellent rallies. The Tournament Manager is empowered to remove anyone displaying unacceptable conduct from the area and may temporarily suspend play, if necessary.

Team Points - Team points will be earned as follows in each event:

1st place	11 points
2nd place	10 points
3rd place	9 points
4th place	8 points
5th place	7 points
6th place	6 points
7th place	5 points
8th place	4 points

All other players get 2 points for each match won

Award Presentations

Trophies and medals will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the tournament. This may be changed at the discretion of the tournament manager.

Tennis Draw Procedure

BRACKET DEFINITIONS: The total tournament first round bracket includes games 1-8. The top half bracket includes games 1-4, the bottom half bracket includes games 5-8. The quarter brackets are as follows: games 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

A modified allocation formula will be followed to determine the #1 teams, with each WIAA District guaranteed a #1 team if that District is allocated at least one (1) team. If Districts elect to combine for qualification purposes, each District will still receive a #1 team. Districts that combine during the regular season would be considered a single District and would receive only one #1 team.

1. The "true" #1 teams from each WIAA District will be drawn first to determine in which half bracket they will be drawn, with an equal number of "true" #1 teams in each half bracket when possible.
 - 1a. The first draw will be to determine into which half bracket, top or bottom half, the first "true" #1 team shall be drawn.
 - 1b. The district with the most #1 teams shall be drawn first, followed in succession by the districts with fewer #1 teams.
 - 1c. The "true" #1 teams shall be drawn into half brackets, alternating top then bottom, or bottom then top, until all "true" #1 teams have been drawn.
 - 1d. As each "true" #1 team is drawn into the top or bottom half bracket, the #2 team from that district will be placed into the opposite half bracket.
 - 1.d.1. With three (3) allocations, the #3 team may be drawn into either half bracket.
 - 1.d.2. With four (4) or more allocations, #1 and #4 will be drawn into the same half bracket and #2 and #3 will be drawn into the same half bracket when possible; any additional allocations may be drawn into either half bracket with an even number, when possible, into each half bracket.
 - 1.d.3. When a District has three (3) or more allocations, they will be drawn into separate quarter brackets when possible.
2. The "true" #1 teams shall be drawn to determine the home team for Games 1-4 and then Games 5-8.
 - 2a. If there are four (4) or fewer "true" #1 teams, they will be drawn into different quarter brackets.
3. Since there are fewer than eight (8) "true" #1 teams, a modified allocation formula will be applied to determine the additional #1 teams. The modified allocation formula will be based upon the number of schools participating in each District/combined District.
 - 3a. With three (3) #1 teams, the #3 team may be drawn into either half bracket.
 - 3b. With four (4) or more #1 teams, #1 and #4 will be drawn into the same half bracket and #2 and #3 will be drawn into the same half bracket when possible.
 - 3c. The additional #1 teams will then be drawn to fill in as the home team for Games 1-4 and then Games 5-8.
4. The remaining teams will then be drawn as the visiting teams for Games 1-8.
 - 4a. Remaining teams will be drawn so that teams from the same district will not play each other in the first round when possible.
 - 4b. If a district has five or more allocations, the #5, #6, etc. teams will go into the draw as potential opponents for its #1 team.
 - 4c. The lowest seeded team from a district will be drawn to play against the highest seeded team from either the same district or a different district.