



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS**

### **I. COMPETITION**

- A. All competition will be governed by rules of the U.S.T.A. and the MHSAA.
- B. Uniforms issued by, or approved by the school, must be worn in competition, and must follow MHSAA guidelines.
- C. Matches will begin at 4:00 P.M., unless otherwise agreed to by both schools. There will be no default time. All matches will consist of eight points.
- D. In the event of a four-all tie in a dual meet, the match will end in a tie.
- E. Each team will be represented by twelve (12) players: four singles and four doubles teams.
- F. All positions will be awarded one (1) point for a victory.
- G. In determining league standings, two points will be assigned to a win, and one point for a tie.
- H. The use of line judges will follow MHSAA rules.
- I. A tie breaker will be allowed in a division meet tournament in the third set only. Based on time constraints, this change would allow a tie breaker to be played in lieu of a third set. The manner in which a tie will be determined must be agreed upon by the coaches in each division prior to the tournament.
- J. In split sets, new balls will be used, if possible, for the third set.
- K. When rain delays a match in progress, the score will remain the same until play is resumed. Play will resume when both coaches are agreeable.
- L. If a match in progress cannot be completed that day, the following rules will apply:
  - 1. If a player has begun his/her match but cannot play on the day when it is rescheduled, the point is forfeited.
  - 2. If a player has not begun his/her match (hitting the first point) then he/she may be replaced by someone in rank order.
  - 3. If a team match has progressed to the point where one team has at least five points, that team will be determined the winner.
  - 4. If the match has not progressed to the point where a winner can be determined, play will resume on the next open day, if possible, and necessary.



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## M. Division Tournament:

1. Each division will have an end-of-the-season tournament. It will be played in the week prior to the week of the state regional tournament, except the Red Division as approved by the MAC Athletic Commission. Tournament may begin at Noon.
2. Each team will be permitted to enter a minimum number of flights based on the MHSAA Regulations for State Tournament play, i.e. the formula provided by the MHSAA for Utilization of Players (less than 12 team members).
3. The hosting of the tournaments should be rotated among the division schools each year. Coaches will decide the location and format at their pre-season meeting.
4. The rules and regulations governing the division meets will apply to the tournament.
5. Split-set contestants will use new balls.
6. An entry form, similar to the MHSAA form for tournaments, will be sent to each coach prior to the division tournament. Coaches will list all entries' positions, and their division records at that position and other positions.
7. Coaches are to list only those players who are reasonably certain of competing in the tournament.
8. Flight records will be used to determine seedings at the division tournament, unless there are circumstances otherwise defined by state guidelines. To be eligible for seeding an individual(s) must have played at least 3 division matches at that flight. If the division has 7 or more teams there will be four seeds per flight.
9. A tie between two teams in tournament play will remain a tie.
10. Players will score team points in accordance with their order of finish: 0 for last place, one for second-last place, and so on, until you reach first place, which would receive one less than the total number of competitors in that flight.
11. At the tournament, players will play off for sixth and seventh places, if the division is greater than 6 teams.
12. The number one seed in the tournament will receive an automatic four points if there is a first-round bye for a seven team tournament.
13. Rain out: If two rounds of competition cannot be completed due to inclement weather the day of the division tournament, the tournament is to be cancelled. Tournament medals will be awarded to the #1 seeds at each flight. If two rounds are completed, the tournament will be continued the next day.



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## II. SCHEDULING

- A. Conference matches will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- B. A 2-year schedule will be established. In the second year of the 2-year schedule, the home and away contests will be opposite those in the first.

## III. AWARDS

- A. Separate plaques will be awarded to dual meet and division champions.
- B. Medals for each tennis division will be as follows, (.25 x 12 x # teams) per division.  
(Example: .25 x 12 x 6 Teams = 18 Medals)  
Coaches of each division will determine how those medals are distributed.
- C. Certificates will be awarded to members of the regular season dual meet championship teams.
- D. Coaches will select, by consensus, one MVP in each division. The MVP must be a member of the MAC All Conference Team. The MVP will receive a medal.
- E. Coach of the year will be awarded to the winner of the division dual meet competitions.

Refer to the Athletic Commission By-laws for clarification regarding the following items:

1. Pre and post-season coaches' meetings
2. Division alignment