

Tennis Handbook

Boy & Girls CVAC Tennis By-Laws

(Approved: June 14,2018)

- I. Sport
 - A. Tennis
- II. Preface
 - A. The boys and girls tennis league shall operate within the constitution and by-laws of the CVAC
- III. Rule Book
 - A. USTA Rule Book
 - B. Coaches should instruct their players and spectators in proper tennis etiquette as outlined in “the code” section of the USTA rule book.
- IV. Time of Contest
 - A. 3:30 PM
 - B. Unless otherwise mutually arranged by the individual coaches and confirmed by Athletic Directors.
- V. Official Equipment
 - A. Refer to general sports by law V.A. Official Equipment.
- VI. Uniforms
 - A. School issued uniforms or other appropriate clothing. Any clothing with reference to tobacco or alcohol is strictly prohibited.
- VII. Eligibility For Participation at Each Level of Play
 - A. Only one level of participation applies – Standard NYSPHSAA and CVAC regulations only.
- VIII. Home Team Responsibilities
 - A. Each home team shall provide all new tennis balls for each match played.
- IX. Officials
 - A. No formal officials will be used. All calls are made by the players unless a protest requires coaches to call lines and/or foot faults. Players may protest lines or foot fault calls to their respective coaches. Coaches will observe the match, if problem continue the coaches may call lines and/or foot faults (see foot fault procedure under 13 -H). Line calls by the coaches may be done by appeal.
- X. CVAC Divisions
 - A. All schools are in one division regardless of school size. Each school will play the other schools once.

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- B. The regular season champions will be crowned based on regular season record.
- XI. Tie Breakers
 - A. See General sports by law XII.B
- XII. Additional Rules
 - A. Each match will consist of three singles matches and two doubles matches. Total possible points per match consist of five.
 - B. In the matches, seven different players will be used. This avoids playbacks.
 - C. The only coaching that may take place will be before the match and during the 90 seconds allowed for the change of court, with the exception of the first crossover in the first set, where no coaching will be allowed. No break will be allowed between the 2nd and 3rd sets, except during the State Qualifier, in which a 10-minute break will be allowed. Coaching may be done during this time.
 - D. No add scoring will be used for all league matches. Two out of three sets will be used to determine the winner. The Semi-Finals, Finals, and 3rd place of the State Qualifier will use regular add scoring.
 - E. The 7 out of 12 (Wimbledon Method, as approved by the ILTF) tiebreakers will be used.
 - F. Each team will seed its players according to ability and shall rank its players in ability in team matches. A simultaneous exchange of line-ups will take place before each match.
 - G. A Rules committee of five coaches appointed by the Tennis coordinator shall attempt to arbitrate any disputes between coaches.
 - H. Foot Fault Procedure
 - I. Opponent Warns opposing player
 - II. Both coaches are informed
 - III. Next violation called by the player on the court will result in coaches from opposing schools calling foot faults on opposing players.
 - IV. In the State Qualifiers, neutral coaches will be used, if possible.
 - I. A match that is interrupted and cannot be completed within a reasonable time (as decided by the home team) should be rescheduled at a mutually agreeable time as arranged by the Athletic Directors. The scoring will continue from the point when interrupted.

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- J. Coaches must always play their best players at the highest positions (1st singles or doubles). Although the singles and doubles roster are separate ladders, coaches must play their best doubles team at the first position and their best singles players at the first position. This continues down the line, with the second best in the second position, and so on. Coaches must setup specific challenge matches between players and doubles teams to rank players on the teams, to the best of their ability. For match play, forfeits are always placed at the bottom of the ranked matches.
 - K. Special rules for scrimmage play are as follows: Teams should play as many matches as time and available players will allow. Scoring will be the number of matches won vs the number of matches lost. This system allows for a tie, which in such case would stand. Matches should be played as standard 3-set matches, with the exception that if a player splits the sets, and the third set would be played as a 7-point tie breaker.
- XIII. Coaches Meeting
- A. Coaches shall have a spring meeting, prior to the start of the season.
 - B. Coaches will meet prior to the State Qualifiers. The date is to be determined by the Sport's Chairperson.
 - C. Method of selection CVAC All-Star, Coach of the Year, and additional awards
 - I. The CVAC All-Star team will consist of a first and second team, from each of the five boys and each of the five girls positions used in CVAC play. A player must have played at least half of the time in that position.
 - a. Boys: 1st Singles, 2nd Singles, and 3rd Singles
 - b. Boys: 1st Doubles and 2nd Doubles
 - c. Girls: 1st Singles, 2nd Singles, and 3rd Singles
 - d. Girls: 1st Doubles and 2nd Doubles
 - II. Exceptional honorable mention may be used
 - III. Each coach may vote once for each position
 - IV. The coach of the year will be determined by a vote of the coaches with the coach having the highest number of votes being the Coach of the Year.
 - V. A team sportsmanship award will be determined by a majority vote of the coaches for boy's team and a girl's team that best

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exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship during the regular season.

Sectional Tournament Rules

I. Team Sectionals

A. Using the State Qualifier tournament, we will crown a Section 7 Champion.

B. Format is as follows:

I. Team format & scoring:

- a. Only the top 7 players, as designated by their coaches (at the seeding meeting) shall be allowed to accrue points for their respective school in the 1st round. This will include 3 singles players and 2 doubles teams in the main draw, per school.
- b. Any players included in the draw, above the top 7 (8 or higher) cannot gain points for their respective school until the 2nd round of the main draw.
- c. If a player in a schools top 7 receives a bye in the 1st round, they can earn 1 point for that bye, if they win their next match.
- d. The 3rd place match, for the boys/girls Qualifier will not count for team points. No point will be awarded to the winner of this match.

II. Champion determined by:

- a. Using the basis of one point per win, calculate the most points scored during the tournament
- b. If total points scored are tied, the team with the most individual winners shall be the champion.
- c. If total points scored and most individual winners are tied, the team with the most semi-finalists shall be the champion.
- d. If total points scored, individual winners, and semi-finalist are tied, the teams shall be co-champions.

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