

ECIC BOYS' TENNIS SPORTS STANDARDS

- I. A league match will consist of two singles and three doubles, each to count one point.
- II. Play shall be governed by rules of the USTA (United States Tennis Association). Proper court courtesy and sportsmanship should be stressed. Players should be appropriately attired for interscholastic matches and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Players are to do their own scoring and calling and should make calls as quickly as possible. Changes or alternatives in the rules that come down from the State will be implemented in league play.
- III. All coaches are responsible for the arrangements of their line-ups grouped by ability. The best player should play 1st singles, second best player should play 2nd singles and the best doubles team should play 1st doubles. Coaches may make line-up changes through challenge matches. Players at 1st/2nd singles and 1st doubles must play two consecutive division matches. In the event of a player absence, injury or disciplinary measure enforced by the coach or school district, a coach may substitute another player for that position by moving a player "up" in the lineup. However, a coach may not move a player down in the lineup for any reason. Players at 3rd singles and 2nd doubles do not have to abide by this rule. Injuries/Suspensions the day of the match require you to play your 2 best available players at 1st and 2nd singles (this is in accordance with State Team Championship Rules). If this means altering your lineup this is the procedure that will be followed. All lineups must be discussed by both head coaches prior to the start off the match.
- VI. In the event of a proponent match, which was begun before the weather conditions forced postponement, the score will be picked up exactly as it was when play had to be stopped, and the same players will be used in the same positions. If a player is absent on the day the match is completed, a lower ranking player (as of the date of completion of the match) may be used as a substitute.
- VII. Home school will furnish new tennis balls for each match (three balls per match, no non-pressurized balls are to be used).
- VIII. Each coach is to report their weekly records to their respective Division Chair, Division Chair people are to report their league standings to the ECIC Chair each Sunday of league play no later than 12:00PM.
- IX. The 12-point tie breakers (best seven out of twelve; must win by two points) will be used in an event that a set becomes tied at 6 all. The Coman tiebreaker will be implemented in the case of a tie at either of the double positions.

- X. Coaches are responsible for informing their Division Chair of the names and records of players entering the ECIC Singles and/or Doubles Tournaments.
- XI. A match will consist of two out of three sets using regular scoring.

The Coman Tiebreaker is used in a set-breaker (first to 7, win by 2). Players will exchange ends of the court after the first point and every four points thereafter (so after point five, nine, 13, 17, etc.). This tie-breaker procedure allows doubles teams to continue serving from the same side of the court as they have been doing throughout the set or match.

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