

## ECIC BOYS TENNIS STANDARDS

- I. A league match will consist of three (3) singles and two (2) 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. First and second singles players shall be arranged according to ability, first singles being the better player. The best doubles combination shall make up the first doubles team. First and second singles and first doubles team are fixed and cannot be changed except upon improvement of players. Third singles and second doubles are flexible, and substitutions can be made for any match. Players may participate in either singles or doubles, but may not play in both in any one match.
- IV. In the event of any absence, a substitute may be used for an absent player, or all players may be moved up, or the point may be defaulted.
- V. Changes in personnel in first or second singles and first doubles may be made upon improvement of players, or a player becoming eligible to play by completing the required six (6) practice sessions. Any changes must remain intact for two consecutive league matches (according to both the original schedule, or changes in schedule forced by weather), except in cases of illness, absence from school, or injury.
- VI. In the event of a propped 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. The winning coach is responsible for calling in results to the Buffalo News (849-4461). 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.