

TENNIS BOYS

Season:

Spring

Schedule:

The league schedule provides for a home and away series with each team within the division. The CCAA Chairman will schedule non-league games.

Overall Rules

1. All matches will officially start at 4:00 PM unless there is prior notification. A forfeit shall be charged against a team more than ½ hour late. In case of unexpected lateness, a phone call should be made to the school to delay or postpone a match. All effort should be made to contact the home coach.
2. Postponements due to inclement weather shall be made by the home team prior to a match. Please call the opposing coach in plenty of time to allow cancellation of buses, etc. If the match is in progress, it will be postponed due to weather if either of the coaches so desires.
3. The score for a rain delay should be kept at the exact point in which play was stopped.
4. Line-ups shall be exchanged before the match. A change in the line-up may be made after 3 points have been scored by either team.
5. When a player is absent, there are three ways to substitute;
 1. Forfeit the point
 2. Direct substitution with a team member not in the top 7
 3. Realign the line-up

The general line-up shall be based upon the previous two matches. The direct sub method may be used for two consecutive match dates (Mon., Wed., Wed., Fri., Fri., Mon...).

After two playing dates, the line-ups should be realigned according to ability.

6. New tennis balls will be provided by the home coach. Tennis balls should not be replaced between the second and third set unless by mutual agreement of the coaches.
7. The order of play shall be at the discretion of the home coach.
8. Warm-ups will be limited to 15 minutes. This will include all practice serves of all players (doubles included) before the match begins.
9. The best of three sets shall be played using regular scoring unless both coaches agree to an alternate format due to time, weather, or darkness.
10. A twelve-point tie-breaker will be used if a six-six tie is reached in any set.
11. Rooting and distracting behavior that disturbs the play of any match shall not be allowed. Players should report infractions to their coach who will control the conduct of their respective teams and fans.
12. Rain matches, delayed matches, or rescheduled matches should be picked up or continued at the same courts, points, etc. as when the match commenced unless a different court site is mutually agreed.
13. Postponed matches due to weather must be played on the next available date with the exception only for transportation difficulties.

During the Play of the Match

1. The players should call their own shots and keep the score.
2. Foot faults should not be called by the players. When changing sides, complaints about foot faults should be made to the coaches. If both coaches agree, a warning should be made and if necessary, appropriate action may be taken.
3. Players should not catch a ball in the air while it is still in play. They should allow the ball to fall to the court and call the shot.
4. A five-minute break will be allowed between the first and second set and a fifteen minute break between the second and third set. (Reminder: During Sectionals, play is continuous between the first and second sets – USLTA)

Team Line-Up

1. A tennis match consists of 5 individual matches, 3 singles matches and 2 doubles matches. A player may only play one position during a match. (A player who plays a singles match cannot also play doubles.)
2. Players should be arranged according to ability. Flexibility will be allowed between third singles and first doubles. The doubles teams should be arranged according to their ability.

Coach's Responsibility

1. Home team coaches should call the Jamestown Post Journal at 487-1111 and the Dunkirk Observer at 366-3000 with match results. Call collect.

Sectional Qualifications

1. A CCAA Tournament will be held to determine the qualifiers for singles and doubles at Sectionals
2. The singles tournament will consist of a minimum 6 player draw. Players who played singles for their teams and had a winning overall record may participate.
3. The doubles tournament will consist of a draw of a minimum of 32 doubles teams. Each team in the league will be allowed to send at least 2 doubles teams. Some of the stronger teams may send more than the minimum depending on draw space available.
4. The singles tournament will be played first. Players NOT qualifying for Sectionals may then play in the doubles tournament.
5. Four singles players and four doubles teams will qualify for Sectionals.
6. The site for the tournament will be determined by the number of courts available and the weather conditions. (Presently, SUNY Fredonia and Chautauqua Health & Racquet Club are the only feasible sites.)

Awards

1. CCAA team trophies will be awarded to the top team in each division. There will be no play-offs in case of a tie. Each tying team will be awarded a trophy.
2. It is the responsibility of the winning team's coach and Athletic Director to turn in a black and white photo and appropriate information to the league secretary.
3. Individual trophies will be awarded to the four singles qualifiers and four doubles teams qualifiers determined by the CCAA Tournament.

The League Chairperson will take responsibility for ordering the trophies and awarding them to the players. The bill will be sent to the league secretary.