

# TENNIS

## **1. FORMAT OF COMPETITION**

- 1.1. The league shall be divided into two divisions Bay and Ocean. The divisions shall be determined by strength of program, recommended by the coaches and approved by the Board of Managers. The determination of league placement shall be reviewed annually.

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1. Wherein not specifically covered in these bylaws, USTA Rules will apply.

## **3. NUMBER OF CONTESTS**

- 3.1. Varsity: 22 matches
- 3.2. Individual team members, on their own and with no school affiliation, may enter individual tournaments as long as they don't conflict with school schedules. However, they may not play for any other tennis team during the PAL tennis season. (CIF Constitution, Article 6, Section 604.)
- 3.3. Bay and Ocean will play a double round robin.

## **4. STARTING DATES**

- 4.1. Starting practice dates shall be determined by the CCS.

## **5. DEFINITION OF PRACTICE**

- 5.1. See PAL Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2 and Section 3.

## **6. STARTING TIME FOR CONTESTS**

- 6.1. Afternoon contests shall commonly be scheduled at 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted and authorized by the Board of Managers or the principals involved.
  - 6.1.1. Team introductions at 3:45 PM.
- 6.2. By mutual consent of principals, place or time of playing games may be changed.
  - 6.2.1. If the principals involved can reach no mutual agreement on the changing of game times and/or sites the schedule stands as approved.

## **7. REQUIRED SCORING/OFFICIALS**

- 7.1. Boys and girls Varsity competition will be a four (4) singles and three (3) doubles format with no ad scoring system.
- 7.2. No officials shall be provided. However, a player may request a linesperson for their respective match. One or both coaches shall act as or designate a linesperson. Linespersons shall not make calls. Players may appeal any questionable call, and the linesperson will confirm or disagree. As per the USTA regulations, the linesperson interpretation will be final.
- 7.3. A player may not compete in both singles and doubles in any league match or tournament.

## **8. CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDED IN DIVISIONS**

- 8.1. PAL round-robin team championships are decided on the basis of the teams win-loss record against other PAL teams in league competition.
- 8.2. In the event of a tie for first at the end of the round-robin season, a co-championship is declared for all of the teams tied for first. This is in effect for Varsity in the Bay and Ocean.

## **9. TIE/LEAGUE STANDINGS**

- 9.1. Ties are only broken to determine Varsity team representation at CCS.

- 9.2. Highest seeded team hosts playoffs.
- 9.3. To determine tie break placement in a two or three way tie:
  - 9.3.1. Head to head,
    - 9.3.1.1. Team wins/losses
    - 9.3.1.2. Total match wins/losses
  - 9.3.2. Total individual league matches won (% where team matches unequal)
  - 9.3.3. Coin flip by PAL Commissioner

## **10. POST SEASON TOURNAMENT**

- 10.1. Neither pre or post season games shall be authorized before or after the close of the regularly scheduled athletic activity season unless approved by the Board of Managers.
  - 10.1.1. These games also need CCS/CIF approval.
- 10.2. The Bay division first place team will be an automatic representative to CCS. There will be a 4 team tournament to determine the other automatic representative. Ocean #1 plays at Bay #2. Bay #4 plays at Bay #3. The winners meet to determine 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifier to CCS.
- 10.3. To determine individual CCS representation the league will conduct a single elimination, singles and doubles tournament. Each school will be allowed to enter two (2) singles players and two (2) doubles teams.
- 10.4. Balls for Tournaments: Teams entering PAL tournament play will furnish six (6) cans of new balls.

## **11. VARSITY ALL-LEAGUE SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 11.1. All-league selection will be made by the coaches at the regular meeting held at the conclusion of the season.
- 11.2. The Bay and Ocean divisions will select their own individual all-league teams.
- 11.3. Coaches shall nominate players for consideration of first and second team honors. Players must be among the top tier players in their respective divisions to be considered. Consensus of the coaches will be the deciding factor in placement.

## **12. AWARDS - Authorized Peninsula League awards include:**

- 12.1. Certificates and medals recognizing "all-league selections", to be made available by the Peninsula Athletic League Commissioner's office, in addition, perpetual trophies that existed prior to the formation of the PAL or were purchased since its inception will be awarded to the round-robin champion.

## **13. SPECIAL RULINGS**

- 13.1. Ranking and movement of players.
  - 13.1.1. Players must play in order of ability. The line-up of all tennis players on the Varsity level shall always be based "on rank order" of ability. "Matching-up" is prohibited. In singles, players must compete in order of ability with the best player on the team playing at the No. 1 position, the second best at No. 2, and so through all positions. This rule shall also apply to doubles play with the strongest doubles team at No. 1, etc.
  - 13.1.2. Discipline issues may not be used for moving a player on the ladder. A player cannot be lowered on the ladder for disciplinary issues, only removed.

## **14. SPORTS CHAIRPERSONS**

- 14.1. The boys and girls tennis chairperson shall serve for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 14.2. The boys and girls' tennis chairpersons shall be selected or appointed from each division.

14.3. The duties of the chairpersons:

- 14.3.1. Shall notify the commissioner of all sport committee meetings.
- 14.3.2. Shall call a meeting of all the league boys & girls tennis coaches prior to the beginning of the season to go over schedules, bylaws, rule changes, and anything pertaining to their sport for their season. This meeting shall include all coaches from both divisions.
- 14.3.3. Shall call a meeting of all league tennis coaches at the end of the season to review the bylaws, make revisions in the bylaws, set up schedules for the next season, and select all-league players. At this meeting, they shall also discuss problems that came up during the season and make recommendations to resolve the problems.
- 14.3.4. Will coordinate the evaluation of team placements and will give the new division assignments to the league commissioner.
- 14.3.5. Shall represent their division on the CCS Boys and Girls Tennis Committees along with a league designee as selected at end of season meeting.

**15. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 15.1. PAL dual matches and tournaments are to use the USTA point penalty system for tardiness, profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc.
- 15.2. In dual matches, conscientious efforts are to be made by coaches of their respective players to adhere to all aspects of good sportsmanship. The host coach may, in conjunction with the visiting coach, apply the USTA penalty system.
- 15.3. If a Varsity match cannot finish before dark or rain, it must be rescheduled to suit both coaches. If a reschedule agreement cannot be reached, then the commissioner will intervene to settle the dispute.
- 15.4. Rained out matches.
  - 15.4.1. Host coach is to let visiting coach know by 12:00 PM if the match is to be canceled. A rained-out match is to be re-played as soon as possible even if this might mean canceling a non-league match or even if it means playing up to four (4) matches a week.
  - 15.4.2. In the event of rain during a match, all points played count. On the makeup day, the match will commence from the exact point where it left off.
- 15.5. If players split sets, a ten (10) minute break is permitted.
- 15.6. Third sets are to be 10-point Super Tie Breakers.
- 15.7. Coaching during matches may take place during changeovers and must be limited to USTA time allowance. Coaching is not allowed on changeovers after the first game of any set.
- 15.8. The tournament director will have decision making responsibility for the PAL Individual Tournament.
- 15.9. In dual matches the home coach notifies the Sports Information Director.