

SECTION 408

Tennis

1. U.S.T.A. and CIF Tennis rules will govern play.
2. Players must comply with the CVAL regulations concerning eligibility.
3. Competition will be at Girls (in fall) and Boys (in spring) levels.
4. No admission is charged to observe tennis matches.
5. There will be no paid officials at dual matches.
6. The home team shall furnish two new balls for each singles match.
7. Dual matches begin at 3:30 PM. Refer to Section 200, Article 332.
8. The host school is responsible for starting the matches on time. Home schools will provide water jugs for teams. (Teams must bring own cups or bottles.)
9. Warm-up time is five minutes. All practice serves must be taken during the warm-up period.
10. A team must have 8 players to play a full match. If a team has less than 8 players, they must fill the events from the top down.
 - a. A team with less than 8 players will forfeit the singles and double matches not played, not the entire team match.
 - b. If a team cannot field eight (8) players, the number six singles position of the third doubles position must be forfeited
 - c. The doubles line-up is based upon the singles ladder. The total for combined ladder position numbers of the two doubles partners for the first doubles team must be equal or less than the total of the second doubles individual ladder position. The doubles line-up is exchanged between coaches AFTER the singles matches are completed.
11. Games will be six (6) singles matches and three (3) doubles matches.
12. In each event, play will consist of one eight game pro set.
 - a. Games will be regular scoring.
 - b. 8 game pro set, win by two
 - c. If tied 8-8, 12-point tie breaker (first to 7, win by 2) will be used to break tie
 - d. NO AD; at deuce, receiver can choose which side they want to receive
13. A team must win at least five (5) of the nine (9) events to win the team match. All matches will be played using the 6 singles and 3 doubles format. Teams need 5 total matches to win.
14. If a match is called because of darkness or rain (if both coaches do not agree, the host school has the final decision), the contestants will continue the match on the earliest day possible for both teams. The match will begin exactly where it was stopped. (i.e., 30-love) If a player is unable to play when the match is rescheduled, a player NOT on the original ladder may be substituted.
15. Coaching is not allowed at any time during a match, except at the 90-second interval

on change-overs.

16. Coaches will exchange singles ladders (top 8) of all players prior to the start of the match. A ladder ensures that all singles matches will be positioned according to strength of player. If lineups are not exchanged before the start of the match, the team not presenting a line-up will forfeit the match.
17. Ladders will be exchanged prior to each match. Three ladders will be submitted via the designated Google Sheet on the dates specified in the Master Schedule. (Dates subject to change each season.) Ladders may not change between these dates.
18. A player who begins a singles match and forfeits the match due to injury or illness may not compete in a doubles match.
19. Singles will be played first, followed by the doubles.
20. No more than four of the 6 singles players to make up the doubles teams. Players 7 and 8 MUST play doubles. Once a team has won at least 5 singles matches, any non-ladder player may be substituted for doubles matches.
21. Coaches and players are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. Throwing of equipment, swearing, etc. is not permitted and could result in disqualification following USTA rules. Initial warning will take place during team meetings prior to the match. First infraction = point penalty; second infraction = game penalty; third infraction = disqualification
22. The school with the best win/loss record in league play at the end of the regular season of play, will be league champion. If two teams tie with the same record, head to head will determine the champion.
23. A one day tennis tournament shall be held to determine the individual honors. Medals will be awarded to the champion, runner-up, and the 3rd place winner.
24. The League tournament will be seeded. The format for the League tournament will be as follows:
 - a. The top 4 singles and top 4 doubles will be seeded. The remaining players will be placed based on team record.
 - b. Each school will be allowed to enter two (2) singles players and two (2) double teams.
 - c. Every effort will be made not to have players from the same school play in the first round.
 - d. Teams must submit entries by the deadline or they will be seeded last
 - e. Each team will provide 4 cans of balls
 - f. A USTA Official will be used if/when available. High school players may be used as officials.

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