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WIAA/DAIRY FARMERS OF WASHINGTON/LES SCHWAB TIRES  
**2017-18 Bound for State Regulations**



**May 25-26, 2018**

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| <b>1B/2B/1A:</b> | <b>Yakima Tennis Club</b>  | <b>(Yakima)</b>    |
| <b>2A:</b>       | <b>Nordstrom Tennis Center</b>                                   | <b>(Seattle)</b>   |
| <b>3A:</b>       | <b>Kamiakin High School &amp; Tri-City Court Club</b>            | <b>(Kennewick)</b> |
| <b>4A:</b>       | <b>Richland HS, Hanford HS &amp; Columbia Basin Racquet Club</b> | <b>(Richland)</b>  |

**Changes from the 2016-17 Tennis Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.**

**Format**

A modified double elimination tournament will be followed.

**Entries**

Each school shall be limited to three (3) singles and three (3) doubles entries. A participant may compete in only one (1) event.

Each school will be billed a \$30.00 entry fee for each individual participating in the State Championships.

**Substitution**

In the event a qualified contestant is unable to compete, it is the responsibility of the principal of the school of the indisposed contestant(s) to notify the State Tournament Manager, who, in turn, will notify the principal of the next qualified contestant. The replaced contestant will not be allowed to participate in the State Tournament. This procedure provides for the allocation to be awarded to the individual(s) who qualify and not the school (substitutions of doubles team contestants would not be allowed.) No substitutions will be allowed after the official start of the Tournament.

**Allocations**

Allocations in tennis are made to the WIAA Districts.

**Attire**

Each participant must be wearing an appropriate tennis uniform approved by the school. Cut-offs, jeans and exposed midribs are illegal. All lettering or writing on the uniform is restricted to school identification and manufacturer logo (limited to 1 1/2" x 1 1/2".) Bandannas are illegal; single color unadorned sweat bands and/or head bands are permissible. Coaches are expected to enforce the dress code. If a violation occurs, the Tournament Manager or designee is empowered to enforce the Point Penalty System and may disqualify the participant.

**Court Assignments**

Courts for matches will be assigned by the official in charge.

**Game Balls**

Game balls will be provided at the state tournament.

**Warm-up Time**

Is limited to 10 minutes and includes service. In doubles, both balls should be used simultaneously.

**Coaching**

While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults or other players; only the recognized school coach (one person only) is allowed to coach players on the court. Coaching is permissible during the break between the 1st and 2nd sets (two minutes maximum) and the 2nd and 3rd sets (10 minutes maximum) and any official suspension of play.

**Conduct**

The Tournament Manager or designee shall issue a general explanation to players and coaches prior to state tournament play about the Point Penalty System and define appropriate court behavior and specific types of conduct violations (such as racquet abuse, ball abuse, abuse of officials, delay of game, inappropriate language, or physical contact), and in general, unsportsmanlike conduct. The Tournament manager, upon consultation with the Games Committee, may disqualify players during any state tournament contest.

1. It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to inform players and fans of proper tennis spectator etiquette. If a problem arises, play should be suspended until the offending spectator(s) is removed.
  - A. Proper spectator etiquette will be defined as follows:
    - 1) Spectators should clap only to show appreciation for good shots and long rallies (not on unforced errors).
    - 2) Spectators should refrain from carrying on any direct conversation with players involved in a match.
    - 3) Spectators should refrain from making loud comments questioning the ethics or abilities of any of the players.
2. Players should be warned before the start of a match/tournament that unsportsmanlike displays will result in enforcement of the point penalty system. It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to assess the penalty immediately upon learning of the infraction from tournament management staff.

Some displays of unsportsmanlike acts:

  - 1) Racquet abuse: throwing or slamming the racquet on the ground, against the fence or net, or dropping and kicking the racquet in a show of anger or frustration.
  - 2) Cursing: use of any offensive or vulgar language at a level which can be clearly heard by spectators in a show of anger or frustration.
  - 3) Delay of Game: slamming balls out of the court or intentionally hitting balls away from opponents so they will have to take extra time to retrieve them between points.
  - 4) Unacceptable Behavior toward Opponent: slamming balls directly at opponents after a point is over, name-calling, etc.
3. Unsportsmanlike behavior directed toward a coach or official (appointed line or foot-fault judge) may result in forfeiture of current match, or, if the infraction occurs following a match, forfeiture of the player's next scheduled match.
4. All physical contact between players during a match is prohibited. Any such contact may result in a default to the player who initiates this contact.
5. Any appeal of the implementation of the Point Penalty System should be made before the next live ball to the Games Committee.

### **Rules of Play**

USTA contest administration rules shall apply.

1. Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded. After the second set, either player is entitled to rest which shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.
2. The foot fault rule is to be observed. In the event of the infraction of the rule, the player may contact the referee or tournament manager and request a foot fault judge.
3. A participant may compete in more than two (2) matches per day.

#### 4. 12-Point Tie Breaker Method for Singles & Doubles

##### **Singles**

A serves first point (from right court); B serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); A serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); B serves point 6 (left) and after they change ends, point 7 (right). A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); B serves points 10 and 11 (left and right) and A serves 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before. A serves point 13 (right); B serves points 14 and 15 (left and right); etc., etc., until one player establishes a margin of two points. Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with Player B to serve first.

**Doubles** - Follows the same pattern as singles, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns. Assuming A & B vs C & D - Player A serves first point (right); C serves 2 and 3 (left and right); B serves 4 and 5 (left and right); D serves point 6 (left) and after teams change ends, point 7 (right). A serves 8 and 9 (left and right); C serves 10 and 11 (left and right) and B serves point 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, teams change ends and continue as before. B serves point 13 (right); D serves points 14 and 15 (left and right); etc., until one team establishes a margin of two points. Teams change ends for one game to start the next set, with team C & D to serve first.

##### **Changing Sides of the Court**

Individuals or doubles teams switch in every set on odd games. If the score at the end of a set is 6-3 (total of 9 games), the participants will change ends for one game, and then change ends again before playing the next two games. If the score is even (6-4), the participants will stay for one game and then change ends.

##### **Speed Up Rule**

The "no ad" rule can be used in case of emergency or inclement weather, but must be determined before each match begins.

##### **Officials**

Most matches will not have line judges. Each player is expected to observe the rules and to call shots correctly when receiving. In the event a player should want line judges, the participant's coach must make the request to the Tournament Manager and that coach will serve as one of the line judges.

##### **Spectators**

All spectators, players and coaches are restricted to the areas outside the courts during the progress of a match. Unnecessary noise or distractions are not customary at a tennis match. The applauding of errors is considered very poor etiquette. Applause is in order for winning shots or excellent rallies. The Tournament Manager is empowered to remove anyone displaying unacceptable conduct from the area and may temporarily suspend play, if necessary.

##### **Team Points - Team points will be earned as follows in each event:**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	11 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	10 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	9 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	8 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	7 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	6 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place	5 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place	4 points

All other players get 2 points for each match won

##### **Award Presentations**

Trophies and medals will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the tournament. This may be changed at the discretion of the tournament manager.