



PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DISTRICT IV

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To: Principals and Athletic Directors of District IV High Schools

From: Roger Heckrote, Dist IV Tennis chairman

RE: 2023-2024 Boys Tennis District Playoffs

You will find the changes for the District IV Tennis tournaments on the following pages. Please make sure your coaches are aware. The entry forms are in the other attachment ( team, singles, doubles)

Both the singles and doubles tournament will be at Williamsport High School for the Saturday's starting at 9:00am. The semi-finals for singles and doubles will start at 1:00 and be played at Central Pa Tennis Center (indoors).

If you want to enter the team tournament, your entry papers must be in on April 27<sup>th</sup> . The team tournament will start on April 30<sup>th</sup> with preliminary rounds if needed. Quarter finals, on Thursday May 2 (rain date 3). Semi-Finals on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> and finals on Thursday May 9. Brackets will be set and teams notified on Sunday April 28.

Singles entry should be emailed by Monday 4-29-24, and the seeding meeting will be on Wednesday 5-1-24 at 7:30pm. The doubles entry should be emailed by Monday 5-6-24, and the seeding meeting will be on Wednesday 5-8-24 at 7:30.

All entry forms and other material (ladders, eligibility sheets, etc) should be sent to:

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## Rules for District IV team tennis

To be Eligible for the tournament a team must schedule and play at least 50% of the number of matches that can be played. That is a max of 18 matches, so you need to have 9 matches, league play-off do not count. You must have a .500% winning percentage. That includes all matches, not just league play. Matches after the team deadline do not count towards seeding percentage. Teams must notify the District Tennis chairman by the dates set to be eligible. Teams that do not notify will not be entered into the team tournament. Matches played on days after the paper work has been sent, must be emailed or called into the District chairman as followed. **All Preliminary and Quarter final will be played at the higher seed's courts. Home team is responsible for supplying balls.**

### Seeding

Teams must first qualify, then will be seeded on the **power rating system that District IV has adopted**. All matches count except league play-off. If two teams have the same power rating, the first tie breaker will be head to head play. The winner of the head to head match will be seeded higher. If they did not play, or split, the second tie breaker will be the team with the most matches. If they both have the same number of matches, then we will have a coin flip. All teams entered will be seeded in order. If there are more than 8 team, there will be a preliminary round. These preliminary matches will be played on Tuesday April 30 at the higher seed's home courts. The quarter finals will also be played at the higher seed's courts on Thursday May 2. The Semi-finals will be played on Tuesday May 7 and finals will be play on Thursday May 9, at Neutral courts

### Format

The format will be as the state tournament, 3 – 2. That is 3 singles and 2 doubles no repeat. A **team ladder** must be sent in with your entry form (include any injured player in your line-up, so that if they get better, that they may be put back into the line-up where they belong). You will play to the first team to 3 points. The rest of the players will finish the game they are on, and then will be pulled. Make sure of the scores of the pulled matches are reported with the other scores.



The singles tournament will be as in the past. This year each school will get one (1) entry (this should be your #1 player). You may enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> player (only your #2 player on your ladder) if they have a 50% or better winning percentage record. To see what their percent is, you take their wins / total matches played. Example: a player with a 15-3 record would be 15 divided by 18. (15 wins, 18 total matches) and get .83333 or 83.3%.

Seeding for the District Tennis Singles Tournaments.

The first priority is to make sure players from the same team are in different brackets (top or bottom). If one player is seeded in the top then the other will be placed in the bottom as close to where they should be seeded. Same if they are seeded in the bottom the other player will be placed in the top. We will seed the top 8 players. If we need preliminary matches to get down to 32 entries. As many pairs of players to make the brackets work. The rest of the players will be filled in by a random draw. The top bracket will be filled in from the top down, and the bottom bracket from the bottom up. Again, players from the same team will be placed in opposite brackets. If we have an individual that their school does not have a team and does not have a record, they will be seeded by the District Tennis committee. The District chairman may make adjustments if need be.

## **Format for the Singles and Doubles Tournament**

Preliminary matches (if necessary) will play a 10 game Pro Set with regular scoring, and regular tiebreaker at 10 games each.

All five rounds will play **regular scoring** and the **best 2 of 3 sets** (regular tiebreaker)

Coaching will be allowed between sets only.

All participants in the tournament are required to wear appropriate tennis attire during competition (i.e. tennis shirt with collar and tennis shorts or skirt). T-shirts, altered apparel, jeans and advertisements (other than 2¼ " X 2¼" manufacturer's logo and/or the school's nickname) will not be permitted. School-issued caps and caps without advertisements, without college logos and/without other logos will be permitted. **CAPS WITH TAPE OVER THE LOGO WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.** If baseball caps are worn, the visor must be in front. School issued team t-shirts are allowed.

Coaches are directly responsible for the conduct/sportsmanship of their players.

There will be 30 minutes allowed between matches starting with the first round.

If your doubles players are to be different from those sent in on your original seeding form, new names must be submitted by the start of the doubles seeding meeting. If the correct names are not available, the team will not be allowed to participate. This is being done to be fair to everyone in the seeding process.

There will be a coaches' committee to settle any disputes and/or make any rules interpretations.

We will play to the semi-finals on the first day.

Only the player's coach may speak to her/him in between sets.