

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

PROCEDURES FOR POSTSEASON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Classes AA, A & B/C

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I. Manager Information

MHSA Boys and Girls Tennis Announcements

- The MHSA postseason tennis tournament sites can be found on-line at www.mhsa.org.
- The *List of Participants form* to enter your players for the postseason can be found on the tennis page of the MHSA website at www.mhsa.org.

2026-26 Boys and Girls Tennis Important Dates to Remember

March 1, 2026	Tennis Rules Clinic will be available to viewed online at www.mhsa.org .
March 18, 2026	Class AA, A and B/C – first day of practice
March 26, 2026	Class AA, A and B/C - First day for competition and all head coaches must complete the MHSA Tennis Rules Clinic.
May 18-23, 2026	Divisional Tournaments are held during this week for all classes.
May 28-30, 2026	Class B/C State will be held in Missoula at Fort Missoula and Playfair Park. This event is hosted by John O'Dell from Broadwater High School. If it does rain, we have access to the inside courts at the Peak.
May 28-29, 2026	Class AA State will be held in Kalispell at FVCC. This event is hosted by Abby Snipes from Glacier High School.
May 28-30, 2026	Class A State will be held at Hardin High School. This event is hosted by Travis Krieger from Hardin High School.

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Manager's Checklist

Tennis Manager Checklist

In the first week of the tennis postseason the host school for the postseason tournament must send an information packet to each school. The packet should provide information on the following:

- Welcome letter
- All contact information (who to call with any questions)
- Format (examples: doubles location, singles location, etc.)
- List of Participants Form
- Fees and who to write your check to
- Availability for practice
- Spectator Areas
- Deadlines for entry
- Food service
- Directions to the courts / school bus parking
- Starting times, local rules, responsibility of players and coaches
- Local hotel and restaurant information
- Request for assistance from other schools

Tournament Director Checklist

- Coaches' meeting
- Referee communication
- Pairings
- Umpire (possible)
- Score sheets preparation
- Player Code of Conduct
- Local rules
- Court preparation
- Awards
- Results to MHSA and next level manager
- Coaches' badges

Tennis Manager's Guide

Tournament Management

The host school must designate a tournament manager who will be responsible for the administration of the tournament. The tournament manager must also determine who the rules officials will be at the tournament site. The rules official is responsible for administering the rules of tennis.

Communication

It is recommended that **four** weeks before the beginning of the tournament, the host school must send an information packet to each school. The packet should provide information on all contacts, List of Participants Form, fees, court availability for practice, spectator areas, deadlines for entry, food service, directions, starting times, local rules, responsibility of players and coaches, and who to call with any questions.

Coaches Meeting

It is customary to have a coaches meeting before the start of the tournament. This meeting can be held the night before or the day of, depending on what is the most convenient time for all coaches to attend. It is beneficial to have all of the key tournament personnel available to address the group concerning court information, schedule, playing rules, etc.

Corporate Sponsors - Tennis Ball

Wilson is the official ball and tennis supplier of the Montana High School Association. The Wilson US Open ball is the ball used for all MHSA state tennis meets and Wilson will supply the balls. The MHSA recommends the use of this ball for all regular and other postseason events.

Court Monitors

Tournaments may have a need for court monitors. Court monitors should follow the following guidelines:

- Provide decisions related only to the remedy asked for by the players involved.
- As a linesman, only overrule a call when requested to do so.
- If requested to monitor foot faults or net violations, you will make the call immediately as a delayed call will impede the progress of the game.
- Introduce yourself to both players. Remember your purpose is to ease any tensions, not increase them.

Court monitors can be called at any time. They should be familiar with the site rules and especially with the job description given for court monitors. The tournament manager should provide the court monitor with any necessary site rules. Any problems not addressed should be referred to the head official at the site and ultimately to the tournament manager.

Fund Raising

The soliciting of voluntary contributions is prohibited at any Association contest. Unless approved by the MHSA Executive Board, raffles (or similar fundraising activities) are prohibited at playoffs, championship games, tournaments, meets, and/or festivals that are under the direct supervision of the MHSA Executive Board. 50/50 tickets are considered a form of raffle type fundraising and are therefore prohibited.

Corporate sponsorship of any postseason event is the responsibility of the MHSA Executive Board and

requires Board approval. Exceptions are:

- Program advertisements
- Signage or announcements acknowledging the receipt of donated goods including food or beverages for the hospitality room, the use of tents at outdoor events, or the use of other equipment necessary for staging the event. Signage should be placed only in the appropriate areas, i.e. on the tents or in the hospitality room/area.

Established facility sponsorships are not affected, provided that MHSAs corporate sponsorship requirements are met.

Drug and Alcohol Policies

As tournament managers you should inform all school administrators of the attending schools of the MHSAs Drug and Alcohol Policy, which states:

The MHSAs prohibits any use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol or other mood-altering drugs during competition. Violation will cause the coach or participant to be disqualified from further participation in that event.

Emergency and Safety Requirements

- **Emergency Action Plan (EAP):** Each tournament site must maintain a current and comprehensive Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The EAP should outline specific emergency procedures to follow in the event of a medical emergency, natural disaster, facility issue, or other critical incident. This document must be reviewed and accessible to all tournament staff and emergency responders and should include contact information for local emergency services, hospital directions, and onsite emergency contacts.
- **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Requirement:** An operational AED must be present and accessible at each location being used as a tournament site. Tournament managers are responsible for ensuring that each facility utilized during the tournament has at least one AED onsite. AED locations should be clearly marked, and tournament personnel should be made aware of the location and trained in AED use as part of emergency preparation.
- **General Safety Oversight:** Tournament managers should verify that all playing surfaces, surrounding areas, and spectator spaces are safe and free from hazards prior to the event. Particular attention should be paid to weather-related facility conditions (e.g., snow/ice removal), emergency egress points, and access routes for first responders.

List of Participants

The tournament manager should send each school in their class or division a *List of Participants form* for entry into the postseason tournament. This form should have a specific deadline to be returned to the tournament manager. The form is included with this procedure manual and can be found on the tennis page of the MHSAs website. Here is the procedure per class:

- Class AA, A and B/C - Participating schools should send the form directly to the divisional tournament managers, and then divisional managers will forward their results to the state tournament site.

Before a substitute can be used in any postseason tournament, he/she must be approved by the MHSAs office.

Media Policy

- Policies for videotaping, cybercasting, telecasting and photography of MHSAs events are outlined on pages 27-28 of the MHSAs Handbook.
- Photographs can be taken for personal use only.
- Legitimate media members may register for postseason credentials at www.mhsa.org on the Media Resources page.

Seeding

For the divisional tournaments, tournament managers should use the guidelines established in the Divisional Seeding section of this manual, along with any other conference policies they may have. For the state tournaments, official pairings for the State Tennis Meets will be released by the MHSAs office after the divisional tournaments are completed.

Starting Times

Starting times for divisional or state play will be made by the local manager.

Trophies and Awards

All awards are shipped directly to the host school from Universal Awards out of Billings by UPS. The Montana High School Association will pay for these trophies and awards. They should arrive one week prior to the tournament. It is likely that some awards will be in more than one box. Open all the awards and check them over the same day they arrive. If you have not received the correct awards or the awards are not in good condition, please call Greta Buehler.

For more information about the awards to be presented and the process for award presentations, see the Trophies and Awards Information Sheet.

Weather

A. Guideline on Handling Contests During Lightning or Thunder Disturbances.

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning:

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area.
 - a. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.**
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d. When independently validated lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or lightning should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

B. Rain Delays

For any extended rain delays, Brian Michelotti, Executive Director of the MHSA, must approve rescheduling of tournament play to other dates – including the authorization to play on Sunday.

C. Heat Related Issues

The following guidelines should be instituted by meet management in the following order to ensure the safety of the athletes should heat and heat related issues become a factor.

1. Time extension on changeovers.
2. Official/meet manager may institute periodic timeouts during the match after game points. Length of timeouts will be dependent upon weather circumstances.

3. The meet director in consultation with medical personnel will determine the continuation of tennis outside in excessive heat. Matches could be shortened at the conclusion of a round.

Vendors

Vendors of any other kind of good or service (besides normal concessions) must have written approval from the Executive Director of the MHSA.

MHSA Website Updates - Please send in the final results to Greta Buehler at the MHSA after the completion of the tournament, so we can post this on our website. Greta's cell phone number is (406) 690-0714 and her e-mail is gbuehler@mhsa.org.

II. Tennis Teams in each Classification

Seventeen (17) schools comprising sixteen (16) teams are classified as Class AA. The schools are aligned in four divisions as follows:

Western

Butte
Missoula Big Sky
Missoula Hellgate
Missoula Sentinel

Northern

Flathead (Kalispell)
Great Falls [MSDB]*
Great Falls CMR
Glacier (Kalispell)

Eastern

Belgrade
Billings Senior
Billings Skyview
Billings West

Southern

Bozeman
Gallatin (Bozeman)
Helena Capital
Helena

*Cooperative Sponsorship

Twenty (20) schools are classified as Class A. The schools are aligned in four divisions as follows:

Southwest

Beaverhead Co. (Dillon)
Corvallis
Hamilton
Ronan
Stevensville

Northwest

Bigfork
Columbia Falls
Libby
Polson
Whitefish

Central

Browning
Butte Central
East Helena
Fergus (Lewistown)
Havre

East

Billings Central
Custer Co. (Miles City)
Dawson Co. (Glendive)
Hardin
Park (Livingston)

Twenty-eight (28) schools are classified as Class B-C for girls' tennis. The schools are aligned in six divisions as follows:

Southwest

Alberton
Anaconda
Darby
Granite
Jefferson (Boulder)

South

Broadwater (Townsend)
Lone Peak
Red Lodge
Three Forks

Northwest

Loyola Sacred Heart
St. Ignatius
Superior
Troy
Valley Christian

East

Baker
Forsyth
Poplar
Wolf Point

Northcentral

Choteau
Conrad
Cut Bank
Fairfield
Simms

Central

Chester-Joplin-Inverness
Chinook
Fort Benton
St. Patrick's Academy
Terry

Seventeen (17) schools are classified as Class B-C for boys' tennis. The schools are aligned in three divisions as follows:

Southwest

Anaconda
Darby
Granite (Philipsburg)
Jefferson (Boulder)

Northcentral

Choteau
Conrad
Cut Bank
Simms

Northwest

Loyola Sacred Heart
St. Ignatius
Troy
Valley Christian

Central

Chester-Joplin-Inverness
Chinook
Fort Benton
St. Patrick's Academy
Terry

III. Playing Rules for MHSА Postseason Tennis

USTA playing rules will be used for all competition in addition to any local rules or MHSА rules and regulations. The host manager, or their designee, will be the sole judge on rule interpretations. The site director serves as the umpire at each site, unless an official rules umpire is present. Situations brought to the judge will not include team or individual names so the ruling can be as objective as possible.

Competitors' conduct

- All tennis players in MHSА sanctioned tournaments shall be penalized one team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site after a match or before the next match or at the end the tournament. Any contestant disqualified in an individual tournament competition is not entitled to any points earned in the tournament. All advancement points and placement points are negated. All vacancies created in the tournament pairing shall be scored as forfeits. During the match, players are under the point penalty system of warning, point, game, match. Warnings of this rule shall be written in pretournament letters and given to all players at the pretournament meeting.
- Each tennis court should have a site director and that director should be in charge of administering the penalty system above for violation/abuse of any equipment or facilities, abusive language, abusive gestures, and other obnoxious, offensive behavior.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the tournament site includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: throwing rackets or any equipment, swearing, intentionally hitting game balls out of the court, being abusive to tournament officials, and fighting.

Coaching Information - the MHSА has instituted this best practice in relationship to coaching rules in all classifications of MHSА tennis:

- Eligible member school tennis coaches are permitted to talk with their player(s):
 - At 90 second change overs, except following the first game of a set. During shortened sets, coaches will be allowed to coach after the first game when the score is 3-2.
 - At 120 second change set break (end of set).
 - At split sets 10 minute rest period when playing regular 3rd set or 120 seconds with match tiebreaker.
- **Once players have taken the court for warm-ups, no coaching is allowed until the 90-second change over after the 3rd game.**
- Coaches also may **not** coach players during a bathroom break or a medical timeout (during a medical timeout, coaches can treat players for an injury, just not use this as a coaching opportunity) – per USTA rules.
- Locations where coaching can occur:
 - Outside Courts – coaching will be at the fence, not on the court. The tournament manager may also determine other coaching locations, based on the facility setup.
 - Inside Courts – Tournament managers will determine the coaching locations.
- Who can coach - to be an approved coach, an individual must:
 - Be approved by their local school district administration.
 - Have completed all MHSА coaching requirements.
 - Have been a bona fide member of the coaching staff during the season.
 - Have proper identification.
- Coaches are expected to help with the crowd control at the sites.

Decisions - The decision must be made on each play. There is no replay of a point except in the case of a let. Only coaches and players can ask the site director to put a judge on the court to make calls if a problem arises.

Feathers worn in the hair - Below is how we will interpret feathers, tinsel or beads that are worn in the hair. We will treat this type of hair device very similar to the NFHS Volleyball Rules. Under NFHS Volleyball Rule 4-1-6b "hair devices made of soft material and no more than 3 inches wide may be worn."

- The rule does not specify the device must be used for hair control.
- The feather or tinsel cannot be wider than 3 inches. Length is not addressed in the rule. Most of these will not exceed a width of 3 inches.
- Items that fall within the rule would have to be considered in context with the rules.
- If the item is inappropriate by sportsmanship standards, prohibit the item from being worn.
- Hard and unyielding items being worn are prohibited.
- If an item presents a problem falling out (beads), USTA rules will be followed.

Hair Control Devices - Hair devices made of soft material or unadorned hair devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes, or hair clips, no longer than 2 inches, may be worn to control a player's hair. Hair adornments made of soft material and no more than two inches wide may be worn.

Inclement Weather Format – Inside - See Rules for Divisional and State sections for inclement weather formats.

Jewelry Policy – Jewelry is allowed per USTA rules, **with the exception of smartwatches or other devices that can be used to communicate with others.**

Match Tiebreaker - Match tiebreakers are sometimes played in lieu of a third set (see Indoor Format below). They follow the same rules and service rotations as the Set 7-Point Tiebreaker, except the winner is the first to score 10 points by a margin of 2.

Match Warm-ups - Outside and inside warm-up time will be 10 minutes. This warm-up will be timed and this time includes serving and net play. Tournament managers may shorten the warm-up to 5 minutes for special situations.

Medical Timeouts – a medical timeout consists of evaluation plus up to a maximum of three minutes of treatment time (for a treatable medical condition).

- A meet official should be alerted and will monitor the time.
- The time starts when a trainer or coach arrives at the court.
- A player is limited to one medical timeout in warm-up and one in match for the same injury/condition.
- 15 minutes is the maximum time that play may be interrupted for injury evaluation and treatment during a match regardless of the number of injuries treated.
- Bleeding Timeout – a bleeding timeout consists of up to 15 minutes to stop visible bleeding and clean up the court.
 - A player is limited to one bleeding timeout in warm-up and one in match.
 - Additional bleeding timeout is allowed if visible bleeding occurs in a different area of the body.
 - 15 minutes is the maximum time that play may be interrupted for bleeding regardless of the number of different areas of the body where bleeding occurs.
- A player that is not able to resume play after the 15-minute maximum for a medical timeout and/or the 15-minute maximum for a bleeding timeout will default the match.

Nets - All tennis nets must be regulation height. Competitors are prohibited from changing the nets.

Normal Format – Outside (Classes AA and A)

- Best of 3 sets and regular scoring will be used.
- USTA Set (7-point) tiebreaker will be used. See *Tie Breaker Sheet* (First to 7 points by 2 point margin).
- 10 minutes rest will be allowed if split sets.
- There should be 2 tennis balls per match
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.

Normal Format – Outside (Class B/C)

- Best of 3 sets with the 10-point tiebreaker being used in lieu of a third set.
- USTA Set (7-point) tiebreaker will be used. See *Tie Breaker Sheet* (First to 7 points by 2 point margin).
- Before the start of the match tie-break, there shall be a 120-second set break.
- There should be 2 tennis balls per match
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.

Rest Time Between Matches: When players are involved in back-to-back matches, the MHSA will allow a minimum of a 30-minute rest period and a maximum of 60-minute rest period for both singles and doubles competition. After the 30-minute rest period, the match will be allowed to begin if both the players and coaches involved are ready to start the match. For consistency, the MHSA recommends a minimum of 30 minutes for all matches.

Set Tie Breaker - The MHSA method of breaking ties (USTA Set, 7-point Tie Breaker) will be used throughout the tournament, except for the tiebreaker mentioned in the inclement weather format section and for Class B/C normal outside format.

Scoring Devices - If possible, scoring devices should be available to keep score at each court. Please inform players to use them.

Uniforms for Competitors: Per MHSA Tennis Rules, Section I, General Rules and Regulations, item 2, which can be found under the MHSA Uniform/Dress Codes rules in this manual or in the MHSA Handbook.

Class Specific Rules:

- During competition at all AA divisional tournaments players shall be limited to three full matches or five abbreviated matches per day.
- During competition at all Class A divisional tournaments players shall be limited to four full matches per day. There is no match limit per day for shortened matches.
- During competition at all Class B/C Divisional Tennis Meets, players will be limited to 3 full matches per day unless players have played less than 6 hours, then 4 matches would be allowed. There is no match limit per day for shortened matches.

Required number of Regular Season Meets

For an athlete to be eligible to compete in the postseason meet he/she must compete in at least two (2) Association-sanctioned meets during the regular tennis season. A medical waiver from a certified physician stating that an athlete has sustained an injury preventing him/her from competing until that time will be accepted as a condition to be exempt from this rule. The high school for which the student will participate must file a request with the MHSA Executive Director for consideration of a waiver of this rule.

IV. Rules for Divisional Tournaments

Competition Format – Normal Conditions

See Section III of this manual, *Normal Format--Outside*

Competition Format - Inclement Weather

Best of 3 sets:

- Sets 1 & 2 regular but each set will be shortened by starting at 2 games each.
- Set 3 - 10-point match tiebreaker - first to 10 points but win by 2.
- A 120-second set break, if split sets.
- Once a round has started, the scoring format will be the same whether the round is finished inside or outside.
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.
- Tournament Director can modify to no add scoring if needed.

The decision of which format to use for shortened matches will be decided by the tournament manager in consultation with the MHSA.

Divisional Manager

Each division is responsible for selecting a site and manager for its divisional tournament. In case of foul weather the tournament will be held on the Monday following the regular scheduled time of the divisional meet, with the approval of the MHSA Executive Director.

Divisional Scoring

- Scoring in Class AA divisional tournaments will be: 1st-7 points; 2nd-5 points; 3rd-3 points; 4th-1 point.
- Scoring in Class A divisional tournaments will be: 1st-10 points; 2nd-7 points; 3rd-4 points; and 4th-2 points.
- Scoring in the divisional B-C tournaments will be 1st-10 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points, 4th - 4 points, 5th – 3 points, and 6th – 1 point.

The four events are boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. To determine team champions in all of the divisional tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winner's bracket and one (1) advancement point for those advancing on the consolation brackets. Defaults, forfeits and disqualifications will be given two (2) advancement points on the winner's side of the bracket and one (1) advancement point on the consolation side of the bracket. Byes receive two (2) points on the winners' side of the bracket if the individuals win their next match and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket.

Entries

All entries to the divisional meet shall be forwarded to the divisional meet manager one week in advance of the divisional tournament.

Events

Events will be boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. Both boys and girls shall be allowed to enter one event only, either singles or doubles, but not both.

Entries Per Classification at the Divisional Tournament

- Class AA may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, four boys 'doubles teams and four girls' doubles teams in competition.
- Class A may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, three boys 'doubles teams and three girls' doubles teams in competition.
- Class B/C may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, two boys 'doubles teams and two girls' doubles teams in competition.

Qualifiers for the State Tournament

- The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams from each divisional tournament in Classes AA and A will advance to the state tournament.
- B/C Boys – Qualifying numbers will depend on the number of teams in the division for a 16-player singles bracket and a 12-player doubles team bracket at state.

- B/C Girls – Qualifying numbers will depend on the number of teams in the division for a 32-player singles bracket and a 24-doubles team bracket at state.

Same School Matchups

Care should be taken to avoid, when possible, early round confrontation of contestants from the same school.

Seeding

Each division will be charged with the responsibility of determining the divisional tournament seeding criteria. Suggested criteria for seeding entries could include the following: past record in previous state high school meets, divisional meets, head-to-head competition with most recent matches carrying the most weight, and record against common opponents.

Substitutes

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

V. Rules for State Tennis Meet

Class B/C State Tournament Costs

Each Class B-C school choosing to participate in their state tennis meet will be required to share proportionately the cost of the tournament by paying a fee per participant. This fee will be set by the MHSA Executive Board when the state site is determined.

Competition Format – Normal Conditions

See Section III of this manual, *Normal Format--Outside*

Competition Format - Inclement Weather Format

For the first day of the Class A State tournament, modified scoring should not be used indoors or outdoors on both the championship and consolation bracket.

Best of 3 sets:

- Sets 1 & 2 regular but each set will be shortened by starting at 2 games each.
- Set 3 - 10-point match tiebreaker - first to 10 points but win by 2.
- A 120-second set break, if split sets.
- Once a round has started, the scoring format will be the same whether the round is finished inside or outside.
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format;
- Tournament Director can modify to no add scoring if needed.

Entries for State

Entries to the State Tennis Meets will be certified by the division tournament manager. These entries must be reported not later than the Monday before the opening of the state tennis meet.

State Tournaments

Three state tennis meets will be held — one for Class AA, one for Class A, and one for Class B-C.

State Tournament Brackets

- The state AA meet will utilize a 16-place bracket with contestants consisting of four qualifiers from each of the four divisions.
- The state A meet will utilize a 16-place bracket with contestants consisting of four qualifiers from each of four divisions advancing to the state tournament.
- For the state B-C girls' meet, 32 individuals will qualify for girls' singles and 24 teams will qualify for girls' doubles.
- For the state B-C boys' meet, 16 individuals will qualify for boys' singles and 12 teams will qualify for boys' doubles.

State Tournament Scoring

Class AA: 1st - 9 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points and 4th - 3 points and 5th – 1 point

Class A: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points, 4th - 3 points and 5th - 1 point.

Class B-C: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points, 4th - 4 points, 5th - 3 points, and 6th - 1 point.

The four events are boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. To determine team champions in all of the divisional tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winner's bracket and one (1) advancement point for those advancing on the consolation brackets. Defaults, forfeits and disqualifications will be given two (2) advancement points on the winner's side of the bracket and one (1) advancement point on the consolation side of the bracket. Byes receive two (2) points on the winners' side of the bracket if the individuals win their next match and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket.

Substitutes at State

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the state meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute can be the alternate that was listed for doubles at the divisional tournament or a team member that participated in the divisional tournament as a singles or a doubles team player that did not qualify for state.

Official Pairings and Bracket for State Tennis Meets

The official pairings for the State AA Tennis Meet consist of three parts which will be released by the MHSA office after the divisional tournaments are completed.

<u>Bracket I</u>	<u>Bracket II</u>	<u>Bracket III</u>
1st East 4th South	1st East 4th West	1st East 4th North
2nd North 3rd West	2nd North 3rd South	2nd West 3rd South
2nd West 3rd North	2nd South 3rd North	2nd South 3rd West
1st South 4th East	1st West 4th East	4th East 1st North
1st West 4th North	1st North 4th South	1st West 4th South
2nd East 3rd South	2nd East 3rd West	2nd East 3rd North
2nd South 3rd East	2nd West 3rd East	2nd North 3rd East
1st North 4th West	1st South 4th North	1st South 4th West

The official pairings for the State A Tennis Meet (boys and girls) consist of three parts which will be released by the MHSA office after the divisional tournaments are completed.

<u>Bracket I</u>	<u>Bracket II</u>	<u>Bracket III</u>
1E 4SW	1E 4NW	1E 4C
2NW 3C	2C 3SW	2SW 3NW
2C 3NW	2SW 3C	2NW 3SW
4E 1SW	4E 1NW	4E 1C
1NW 4C	1C 4SW	1SW 4NW
2SW 3E	2NW 3E	2E 3C
2E 3SW	3NW 2E	3E 2C
4NW 1C	4C 1SW	4SW 1NW

The official pairings for State B-C Tennis will be distributed by the MHSA office after the completion of the

divisional tournaments.

The following guidelines shall be used for qualifying into State B-C Tennis:

- Girls State Meet Qualification:
 - A 32-player bracket will be used for girls' singles and a 24-player bracket will be used for girls' doubles.
 - Each division will qualify 4 or 5 singles players (equal to the number of schools in each division). The additional 4 qualifiers will be determined based on the number of competitors in each divisional tournament.
 - Each division will qualify 4 doubles teams.
- Boys State Meet Qualification:
 - A 16-player bracket will be used for boys' singles and 12-player bracket will be used for boys' doubles.
 - Each division will qualify 4 singles players.
 - Each division will qualify 3 doubles teams.

VI. MHSА Uniform / Dress Code Rule

Participants will wear the following school-approved traditional tennis attire which is appropriately sized (uniform to include top and bottom garments): shirts will be full-length with finished edges with collars, traditional crewneck, v-neck or mock-turtle neck design. Well-fitting racer back tops, tank tops, and other appropriately fitted tops will be allowed. Halter tops and spaghetti straps will not be permitted. Shorts and skirts will be worn at the waist. All skorts (a pair of compression shorts having a flap or panel across the front and back to resemble a skirt), as well as leggings, are legal bottom garments. The skort must be appropriately sized for the individual and worn as the manufacturer intended.

The upper portion of the tennis dress will be full-length with finished edges with collars, traditional crewneck, v-neck or mock-turtleneck design. The lower portion of the tennis dress must be appropriately sized for the individual and worn as the manufacturer intended.

Adornments on clothing or headwear will not advertise drugs or alcohol or contain offensive material as deemed inappropriate by the meet director or tournament manager. After the first violation of this rule, there will be a warning administered for the individual and the team with the uniform violation being corrected within five minutes before continuation of play is to resume. After the second violation, the individual forfeits the match and the team is deducted one (1) team point.

The meet director has the right to waive the uniform rule due to inclement weather; however, each participant must be dressed appropriately during all competition.



VII. Basic Tennis Etiquette and Procedures for Players During Matches

Making Calls

1. A player makes calls on his/her side of the net - promptly.
2. A ball landing on the line is good.
3. Opponents get the benefit of the doubt.
4. If a ball can't be called out with certainty, it is good.
5. The call of a player looking down a line is much more likely to be accurate than that of a player looking across a line. When you are looking across a line, don't call a ball out unless you can clearly see part of the court between where the ball hits and the line. It is difficult for a player who stands on one baseline to question a call on a ball that landed near the other baseline.
6. Partner's disagree on calls. If a player and his/her partner disagree about whether the ball was out, they shall call it good.
7. Audible or visible calls. No matter how obvious it is to a player that his/her opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to prompt audible or visible call.
8. Spectators are never to make calls.
9. Lets should be called when balls roll on the court. The server receives 2 serves.

Serving

1. Servers must call out the game score, **loud and clear**, each time a point is earned.
2. Foot Faults - A player may warn his/her opponent that the opponent has committed a flagrant foot fault. If the foot faulting continues, the player may attempt to locate the site director.
3. Service calls in doubles - The receiver's partner should call the service line, and the receiver should call the sideline and the center service line. Either partner may call a ball that he/she clearly sees.
4. Service calls by the serving team - Neither the server nor his/her partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt.
5. Receiver readiness - The receiver should make no effort to return a serve when he/she is not ready. If a player attempts to return a serve, it is presumed that he/she is ready.
6. Delays during service - When there is a delay between the first and second serves:
 - The server gets one serve if he/she was the cause of the delay.
 - The server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the receiver or if there was outside interference.
7. Service let calls. Any player can call a service let.
8. Players are not allowed to stand in the receiving court during service. Additionally, a receiver's partner shall not:
 - Move in or around the receiving box, causing a distraction
 - Wave equipment in and out of the receiving box, causing a distraction
9. Rectifying mistakes - The general rule is that errors are rectified as soon as they are discovered but not during play, and points remain.
 - If a server serves from the wrong court, the point stands and he/she serves the next point from the proper court.
 - If in doubles, the wrong person serves, the game stands and his/her partner serves the next game from his/her side. If discovered during the game, the partner whose turn it is to serve, takes over.
10. Discarding a second ball - The server's discarding of a second ball may constitute a deliberate hindrance. If the receiver asks the server to stop discarding the ball, then the server shall stop the practice.

Grunting

1. A player should avoid grunting and making other loud noises. Grunting and other loud noises may bother not only opponents but also players on adjacent court.

Line Judges

1. If line judges are placed on the court, the players continue to call their own lines. Line judges over-rule only if players ask for help.

VIII. Tennis Code of Conduct/Point Penalty

Misconduct	*1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
• Violation of USTA Rule No. 29, taking more than ninety seconds on changeover or taking more than 20 seconds between points	1 point	4 points	Disqualification
• Prolonging argument over decision after directed to resume play	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Failure to commence play after expiration of warm-up minutes	1 point		
Lateness in being ready			
• A player or players who are not ready to play, or are not properly attired, when a court and opponent are available after a match has been called will be penalized		1 game after 5 minutes, 2 games after 10 min., defaulted after 15 min.	
• To start a match, after an intermission	1 point per minute or fraction thereof		
• To resume play within fifteen minutes of injury (considered a 1 time-out injury)	Disqualification		
NOTE: The time-out for injury should begin once a trainer is available on the court or if the coach or the site director makes the decision on the court.			
Profane or obscene language or gestures			
• Directed at no one in particular	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Directed at an official, opponent, or spectator	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Unsportsmanlike acts			
• Knocking ball out of enclosure	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Intentional racquet dropping	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Hitting ball or throwing racquet at/near person	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
• Intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Gross Misconduct			
• Trash talking	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct	Disqualification/Ejection		
• A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct after the player has completed his/her last match	1 point team deduction		
Use of an Ineligible Coach	1 point team deduction per match		

***There may be one warning prior to the first offense per competitor for minor unsportsmanlike acts. The tournament manager will announce this procedure during his pretournament meeting. Penalties carry over throughout a tournament.**

NOTE: The tournament manager/site director and eligible coach may invoke point penalties in matches where there is no umpire, provided they personally observe the misconduct. In addition, it is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools to monitor player conduct. Any coach, tournament manager, or site director who personally observes misconduct may invoke the point penalties, provided they report their action to the tournament manager/site director.

MHSA Rules - All tennis players in MHSA sanctioned tournaments shall be penalized one team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site after a match or before the next match or at the end the tournament. During the match, players are under the Tennis Code of Conduct / point penalty system of the USTA.

In accordance with MHSA By-Laws, any player or coach ejected (not disqualified) from a match will be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

IX. MHPA Method of Breaking Ties USTA Set (7-point) Tie Breaker

7 out of 12 Points

At six all in games, the player whose turn it is to serve shall put the ball into play for the first point of any tiebreaker.

SINGLES: Player A serves Point 1, right court; Player B serves Points 2 and 3, left court and right court; A serves Points 4 and 5 (L and R); B serves Point 6 (L) and, after players then CHANGE SIDES, Point 7 (R); A serves Points 8 and 9 (L and R); B serves Points 10 and 11 (L and R); A serves Point 12 (L). If either player wins 7 points, by a margin of two points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6.

If the score reaches 6 points all, the players then CHANGE SIDES, and players shall continue to serve as before until one player establishes a margin of 2 points. Player A serves Point 13, right court; Player B serves Points 14 and 15, left court and right court; A serves Points 16 and 17 (L and R); B serves Point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the players then CHANGE SIDES every 6 points and repeat this procedure.

1. The players shall “change sides for one game” after a tiebreak.
2. Player B shall serve first in the set following the playing of the tiebreak, thus assuring that she will be first server if this set also goes into a tiebreak.
3. Players shall change sides during the tiebreak without rest.
4. The tiebreak counts as one game in reckoning ball changes. If a ball change was called for (on) the tiebreak game, new balls shall be used.

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Player A	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	
Player B		L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R		

DOUBLES: (A and B) versus (C and D). Assume that Player D has served the 12th game. Same procedure as in singles will apply. Players preserve the sequence of their serving turns. Player A serves Point 1, right court; Player C serves Points 2 and 3, left court and right court; B serves Points 4 and 5 (L and R); D serves Point 6 (L) and, after teams then CHANGE SIDES, Point 7 (R); A serves Points 8 and 9 (L and R); C serves Points 10 and 11 (L and R); B serves Point 12 (L). If either team wins 7 points, by a margin of two points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6.

If the score reaches 6 points all, teams then CHANGE SIDES, and players shall continue to serve as before until one team establishes a margin of 2 points. Player B serves Point 13, right court; Player D serves Points 14 and 15, left court and right court; A serves Points 16 and 17 (L and R); C serves Point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the teams then CHANGE SIDES every 6 points and repeat this procedure with the continuing sequence of service.

Teams shall “change sides for one game” after a tiebreak with team (C and D) to serve first.

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Players (A & B)	AR			BL	BR			AL	AR			BL	BR			AL	AR			BL	BR			AL	
Players (C & D)		CL	CR			DL	DR			CL	CR			DL	DR			CL	CR			DL	DR		

“No-Ad” Scoring

A player need win only four points to win a game. If the score goes to three points all (or deuce), the next point decides the game - it is game point for both players. The receiver has the right to choose to which court the service is to be delivered on the seventh point. If a “No-Ad” set reaches 6 games all, the tiebreaker system shall be used.

Match Tiebreakers

Additional Note: Match Tiebreakers are sometimes played in lieu of a third set. They follow the same rules and service rotations as the Set 7-Point Tiebreaker, except the winner is the first to score 10 points by a margin of 2.

X. Trophies and Awards Information Sheet

All awards are shipped directly to the host school from Universal Awards out of Billings by UPS. The Montana High School Association will pay for these trophies and awards. They should arrive one week prior to the tournament. It is likely that some awards will be in more than one box. Open all the awards and check them over the same day they arrive. If you have not received the correct awards or the awards are not in good condition, please call the MHSAA.

Because of the involvement of NorthWestern Energy in the awards program, we are requesting that you recognize the company in the presentation of awards at the event. Just prior to the presentation of the awards, please announce that NorthWestern Energy is the sponsor of all MHSAA awards.

The only trophies or individual awards that may be presented at any MHSAA tournament site shall be those provided by the MHSAA. No school shall be permitted to purchase or present additional trophies or individual awards over and above those authorized by the MHSAA.

Individual miniature trophies for first and second place MHSAA state championship events may be purchased from the Associations awards provider.

Also, a representative from the MHSAA, either an Executive Board Member or MHSAA Staff Member, will usually be present to assist with the awards presentation.

Finally – Awards ceremonies for the tournament will not take place until all matches are complete. If a team would like to leave early, they will not be involved in the awards ceremony.

Actual awards for Tennis are as follows:

Division

1. Team – In Classes A and B/C, a maximum of three (3) trophies will be awarded in each division as per General Rules for Awards, (6). Exception: In Class AA no trophies will be awarded.
2. Individual - A medal will be awarded to the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to the third through fourth place winners in both singles and doubles as mandated by the tennis section. In Classes A and B-C, a medal will be awarded to the top three placers and a ribbon will be awarded to fourth place.

State

1. Team – A team trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.
2. Individual – In Class AA, a medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in both singles and doubles. In Classes A and B-C, a medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in both singles and doubles.

XI. Forms

The following pages illustrate these forms that apply to MHSА tennis:

- Class AA Divisional and State Tennis Qualifiers Forms
- Class A Divisional and State Tennis Qualifiers Forms
- Class B/C Boys Divisional Tennis Qualifiers for State Form
- Class B/C Girls Divisional and State Tennis Qualifiers Forms
- Contact and Accommodations List
- Sportsmanship



MHSA Tennis

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Enter deadline date and time here
Divisional: Enter divisional tournament name here

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____

Name of hotel where team is staying at **state:** _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School	Record
1			
2			
3			
4			

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)		Record
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2	
1					
2					
3					
4					
Alt					

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, **one boy or one girl**, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send Entries to: Enter Contact
 Email – email@email.com
 Phone – Enter Phone #



MHSAA Class AA Tennis 2026

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Boys Qualifiers:

#	Boys Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Boys Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Girls Qualifiers:

#	Girls Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Girls Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Send results to Abby Snipes, Glacier High School
Email – abby.snipes@sd5.k12.mt.us



MHSAA Class AA Tennis 2026

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Tuesday – May 19, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____

Name of hotel where team is staying at state: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSAA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of Team: _____ Cell #: _____

Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____

Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____

Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
3				
4				
Alt				

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send entries to: Greta Buehler

Email: gbuehler@mhsa.org

Phone: 406-690-0714



MHSAA Class A Tennis 2026

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Boys Qualifiers:

#	Boys Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Boys Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Girls Qualifiers:

#	Girls Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Girls Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Send results to Trevor Krieger – Hardin High School – travis.krieger@hardin.k12.mt.us



MHSA Class A Tennis 2026

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Enter deadline date and time here
Divisional: Enter divisional tournament name here

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____
 Name of hotel where team is staying: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
3				
Alt				

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, **one boy or one girl**, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send Entries to: Enter Contact
 Email: Enter Email Address
 Phone: Enter Phone #



MHSAA Class B/C Tennis - Boys 2026

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Boys Qualifiers from Each Division in 2026:

- Southwest = 4 Singles and 3 Doubles Teams for State
- Northwest = 4 Singles and 3 Doubles Teams for State
- Central = 4 Singles and 3 Doubles Teams for State
- Northcentral = 4 Singles and 3 Doubles Teams for State

Boys Singles

#	Boys Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

Boys Doubles

#	Boys Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					

Send Results to John O'Dell – Broadwater High School
Tournament Manager and Head Tennis Coach
Email - athletics@townsend.k12.mt.us



MHSAA Class B/C Tennis - Girls 2026

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Girls Qualifiers from Each Division in 2026:

- Southwest = 5 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State
- East = 5 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State
- Central= 6 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State
- South = 5 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State
- Northwest = 6 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State
- Northcentral = 5 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State

Girls Singles

#	Girls Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Girls Doubles

#	Girls Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Send Results to John O'Dell – Broadwater High School
Tournament Manager and Head Tennis Coach
Email - athletics@townsend.k12.mt.us



MHSA Class B/C Tennis 2026

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Enter deadline date and time here
Divisional: Enter divisional tournament name here

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____
 Name of hotel where team is staying: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
Alt				

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, **one boy or one girl**, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send Entries to: Enter Contact
 Email: Enter Email Address
 Phone: Enter Phone Number
 Phone: Enter Phone Number

Contact and Accommodations List
202X Class XX State Tennis Tournament
Location, MT
May 202X

#	<u>School Name:</u>	<u>Head Coach Name:</u>	<u>Head Coach Cell #:</u>	<u>Asst Coach Name:</u>	<u>Asst Coach Cell #:</u>	<u>Hotel name where the team is staying:</u>
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Sportsmanship

Coaches and Participants:

- Set a good example for spectators to follow.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials or other players, and accept their decisions graciously.
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athletes and coaches.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Show respect for opponents before, during, and after contests.
- Represent your team, school and community with dignity.

Spectators:

- Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions graciously.
- Show respect for members of the coaching staff and team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Recognize and show appreciation for outstanding plays by either team.
- Use only cheers that are positive in support of their team.

Acceptable Behavior...

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of game officials.
- Spirit participants lead fans in positive support.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior...

- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booming or heckling an official's or other player's decision
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.

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1970	Missoula Sentinel	43	2003	AA	Billings Senior	39	
1971	Billings West	30		A	Havre	58	
1972	.....	Billings Senior	30		B-C	.....	Cut Bank	73	
1973	.....	Billings Senior	24	2004	AA	.....	Great Falls CMR	21	
1974	.....	Bozeman	15		A	.....	Havre	36	
1975	.....	Billings West	33		B/C	.....	Cut Bank	80	
1976	.....	Billings West	17	2005	AA	.....	Billings Senior	35	
1977	.....	Billings Senior	23		A	.....	Havre	40	
1978	AA	.....	Billings West	26		B-C	.....	Cut Bank	47
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	35	2006	AA	.....	Billings West/Bozeman (Tie First)	
1979	AA	.....	Billings West	21		A	.....	Corvallis	20
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	26		B-C	.....	Cut Bank	45
1980	AA	.....	Billings West	27	2007	AA	.....	Bozeman	28
	ABC	.....	Whitefish	25		A	.....	Billings Central	32
1981	AA	.....	Billings West	24		B-C	.....	Cut Bank	54
	ABC	.....	Whitefish	38	2008	AA	.....	Bozeman	31
1982	AA	.....	Billings West	33		A	.....	Whitefish	43
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	25		B-C	.....	Cut Bank	67
1983	AA	.....	Billings West	27	2009	AA	.....	Bozeman	20
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	25		A	.....	Billings Central	31
1984	AA	.....	Billings West	30		B-C	.....	Cut Bank	58
	ABC	.....	Whitefish	21	2010	AA	.....	Missoula Hellgate	49
1985	AA	.....	Billings Senior	24		A	.....	Corvallis	59
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	29		B-C	.....	Bigfork	43
1986	AA	.....	Billings West	23	2011	AA	.....	Missoula Hellgate	47
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	32		A	.....	Corvallis	34
1987	AA	.....	Billings West	32		B-C	.....	Valley Christian	44
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co.	20	2012	AA	.....	Missoula Hellgate	52
1988	AA	.....	Billings West	51		A	.....	Corvallis	20
	ABC	.....	Whitefish	10		B-C	.....	Conrad	42
1989	AA	.....	Billings West	33	2013	AA	.....	Glacier (Kalispell)	29
	ABC	.....	Whitefish			A	.....	Billings Central/Polson (Tie)	34
1990	AA	.....	Bozeman	30		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart	46
	A	.....	Whitefish	24	2014	AA	.....	Bozeman	24
	B-C	.....	Bigfork	41		A	.....	Billings Central	27
1991	AA	.....	Bozeman	17		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart	59
	A	.....	Dawson Co./Hamilton	16	2015	AA	.....	Billings West	19
	B-C	.....	Bigfork	34		A	.....	Billings Central	34
1992	AA	.....	Bozeman	26		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart	71
	A	.....	Stevensville	22	2016	AA	.....	Bozeman	31
	B-C	.....	Valley Christian	37		A	.....	Billings Central	32
1993	AA	.....	Bozeman	29		B-C	.....	Libby	39
	A	.....	Dawson Co.	27	2017	AA	.....	Bozeman	41
	B-C	.....	Valley Christian	33		A	.....	Billings Central	20
1994	AA	.....	Billings West	21		B-C	.....	Libby	29
	A	.....	Dawson Co.	21	2018	AA	.....	Billings Senior	23
	B-C	.....	Bigfork	38		A	.....	Tie - Corvallis / Hardin / Whitefish	20
1995	AA	.....	Flathead	20		B-C	.....	Great Falls Central	48
	A	.....	Dawson Co.	29	2019	AA	.....	Missoula Sentinel	27
	B-C	.....	Bigfork	40		A	.....	Beaverhead Co. (Dillon)	33
1996	AA	.....	Flathead	32		B-C	.....	Great Falls Central	44
	A	.....	Stevensville	27	2020	AA	.....	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)	
	B-C	.....	Bigfork	38		A	.....	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)	
1997	AA	.....	Billings West			B-C	.....	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)	
	A	.....	Custer County	35	2021	AA	.....	Glacier (Kalispell)	25
	B-C	.....	Bigfork			A	.....	Havre	23
1998	AA	.....	Great Falls CMR	45		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula)	38
	A	.....	Dawson Co.	23	2022	AA	.....	Bozeman/Great Falls CMR (tie)	27
	B-C	.....	Valley Christian	42		A	.....	Billings Central/Whitefish	18
1999	AA	.....	Great Falls CMR	30		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart	45
	A	.....	Dawson Co.	29	2023	AA	.....	Gallatin	29
	B-C	.....	Valley Christian	42		A	.....	Polson	34
2000	AA	.....	Great Falls	28		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart	37
	A	.....	Havre	28	2024	AA	.....	Great Falls CMR	28
	B-C	.....	Valley Christian	47		A	.....	Billings Central	27
2001	AA	.....	Bozeman	35		B-C	.....	Loyola Sacred Heart	47
	A	.....	Havre	39	2025	AA	.....	Great Falls CMR	28
	B-C	Valley Christian	38		A	Whitefish	21
2002	AA	Bozeman	38		B-C	Valley Christian	37
	A	Havre	44					
	B-C	Cut Bank	51					

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1970	Billings Senior 24	B-C	Jefferson (Boulder) 7
1971	Billings Senior 46	2003 AA	Bozeman 39
1972	Great Falls 20	A	Park 20
1973	Great Falls CMR 13	B-C	Boulder 35
	Great Falls 13	2004 AA	Bozeman 34
	Missoula Sentinel 13	A	Whitefish 29
1974	Great Falls 27	B-C	Boulder 38
1975	Great Falls 20	2005 AA	Bozeman 36
1976	Bozeman 15	A	Beaverhead (Dillon) 22
1977	Bozeman 23	B-C	Fairfield 35
1978	AA Great Falls 18	2006 AA	Great Falls CMR 32
	ABC Dawson Co. 20	A	Havre 26
1979	AA Billings Senior 23	B-C	Fairfield 27
	ABC Hamilton 28	2007 AA	Billings Senior 30
1980	AA Billings Senior 23	A	Park (Livingston) 37
	ABC Dawson Co. 22	B-C	Broadwater (Townsend) 44
	Custer Co. 22	2008 AA	Bozeman 26
1981	AA Billings Senior 30	A	Polson 29
	ABC Dawson Co. 22	B-C	Broadwater 37
1982	AA Billings West 21	2009 AA	Great Falls High 31
	ABC Dawson Co. 18	A	Havre 29
1983	AA Billings West 26	B-C	Broadwater County 34
	ABC Dawson Co. 40	2010 AA	Glacier 32
1984	AA Billings West 23	A	Dawson Co. (Glendive) 32
	ABC Dawson Co. 34	B-C	Chinook 36
1985	AA Bozeman 23	2011 AA	Glacier 46
	ABC Custer Co. 27	A	Park (Livingston) 29
1986	AA Bozeman 24	B-C	Cut Bank 45
	ABC Bigfork 24	2012 AA	Bozeman 30
1987	AA Billings West 24	A	Polson 35
	ABC Bigfork 27	B-C	Conrad 28
1988	AA Billings West 31	2013 AA	Bozeman 42
	ABC Bigfork 26	A	Corvallis 28
1989	AA Bozeman 27	B-C	Fairfield 49
	ABC Fergus 46	2014 AA	Bozeman 46
1990	AA Missoula Hellgate 31	A	Corvallis 33
	A Custer Co. 23	B-C	Chinook 35
	B-C Bigfork 33	2015 AA	Bozeman 27
1991	AA Missoula Hellgate 24	A	Park 38
	A Dawson Co. 19	B-C	Chinook 52
	B-C Bigfork 41	2016 AA	Bozeman 33
1992	AA Missoula Hellgate 29	A	Whitefish 30
	A Custer Co. 18	B-C	Chinook 56
	B-C Bigfork 48	2017 AA	Bozeman 22
1993	AA Billings West 34	A	Tie Billings Central/Dawson Co. (Glendive) 26
	A Dawson Co. 29	B-C	Broadwater (Townsend) 26
	B-C Bigfork 46	2018 AA	Tie – Billings Senior / Bozeman 22
1994	AA Billings West 32	A	Polson 24
	A Dawson Co. 22	B-C	Choteau 26
	B-C Bigfork 30	2019 AA	Bozeman 30
1995	AA Billings West 31	A	Whitefish 33
	A Columbia Falls 26	B-C	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula) 44
	B-C Bigfork 31	2020 AA	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)
1996	AA Billings West 33	A	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)
	A Dawson Co. 29	B-C	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)
	B-C Bigfork 24	2021 AA	Bozeman 38
1997	AA Helena	A	Polson 37
	A Hardin 27	B-C	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula) 54
	B-C Bigfork	2022 AA	Bozeman 43
1998	AA Bozeman 28	A	Billings Central 26
	A Stevensville 20	B-C	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula) 39
	B-C Superior 39	2023 AA	Missoula Hellgate 32
1999	AA Bozeman 33	A	Custer County 25
	A Park (Livingston) 27	B-C	Simms 35
	B-C Superior 38	2024 AA	Missoula Hellgate 37
2000	AA Flathead (KalisPELL) 27	A	Billings Central 32
	A Park (Livingston) 41	B-C	Chinook 32
	B-C Conrad 52	2025 AA	Gallatin 32
2001	AA Bozeman 30	A	Custer County (Miles City) 34
	A Park (Livingston) 33	B-C	Fairfield 31
	B-C Jefferson (Boulder) 41		
2002	AA Billings West 32		
	A Havre 44		