

**2023 Tennis Championship Bulletin**  
**May 15-18**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. The District of Columbia State Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Tennis tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Tennis Committee.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the DCSAA Tennis Championship Tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations of this bulletin.
- C. Should a match be postponed or suspended for conditions beyond administrative control, the match, if possible, will be rescheduled or resumed from the point it was suspended.
- D. Eligibility rules for all participants can be found in DCMR Title 5; Chapter 27.
- E. USTA Friend at Court Rules and Regulations (FAC) will be followed, except where noted
- F. A registration link will be shared with all school athletic directors.
- G. Entries must be submitted no later than May 9.

**II. STATE TOURNAMENT**

- A. Tournament Organization
  - 1. The DCSAA will conduct a Tennis Championship Tournament that will include public schools, public charter schools, independent schools and parochial schools located in the District of Columbia.

2. The Tournament will offer Boys and Girls Singles; Boys and Girls Doubles; All draws are Single Elimination Format, with a Play-off for 3rd/4th Place. Players may enter 1 singles plus 1 doubles draw, maximum. Players must be a member in good standing of their school's team and must compete in at least three regular season matches to be eligible to participate in the state tournament. Players at schools that do not field a tennis team are eligible to participate.

3. Singles Draws will be a maximum of 32 players; doubles draws will be a maximum of 16 teams. In the event that more than the maximum numbers of entrants apply, it is possible that not all entries will be accommodated.

4. Singles Format:

**Round of 32** - One pro-set to 8 games

**Round of 16** - One pro-set to 8 games

**Quarterfinals** - One pro-set to 8 games

**Semifinals** - One pro-set to 10 games

**Finals** - Two out of three sets w/a 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a full third set

5. Doubles Format:

**All rounds** - One pro-set to 8 games

6. Tentative Schedule:

**Day 1:** Round of 32 Singles (Boys and Girls), Round of 16 Singles (Boys and Girls)

**Day 2:** Round of 16 Doubles (Boys and Girls), Quarterfinals Singles (Boys and Girls),

Quarterfinals Doubles (Boys & Girls)

**Day 3:** Semifinals Singles (Boys & Girls), Semifinals Doubles (Boys & Girls)

**Day 4:** Finals Singles (Boys & Girls), Finals Doubles (Boys & Girls)

7. Selection/Seeding will take into account a player's or team's USTA Ranking, DC District Rankings and Head-to-Head records; number of seeds will be per FAC regulations.
8. The bracket will be promulgated once seeding is accomplished.
9. The tentative dates for the tournament are: May 15 – 18
  - May 9 – Entry Deadline
  - May 10 -- Organization meeting for state tournament (Seeding; Draw and Schedule)
  - May 12 – Draws Posted
  - May 15 -18 – Tournament Rounds
  - USTA approved tennis balls will be used for all matches.

**B. General Policies**

1. Players must wear school-issued or school-approved proper tennis attire or the official tournament T-shirt in all matches. Uniforms must cover a player's midriff when standing. PENALTY: default.
  - a. Proper attire includes an unaltered shirt with a school name or logo. Uniform bottoms should be neat and appropriate to the tennis setting. Uniforms must cover a player's midriff when standing.
  - b. Players may not wear shoes that mar or damage the court.
  - c. Dressing facilities will be available at the tournament site.
2. It is mandatory that contestants are accompanied to the tournament by the official coach or an authorized school representative.
  - a. A letter of authorization on official letterhead signed by the principal,

athletic director or school.

- b. There shall be a limit of two coaches per school.
  - c. Penalty: default.
3. Coaching is permissible during the 90-second changeover period as long as it does not interfere with continuous play (USTA Rule-29 regarding Continuous Play). Coaching is limited to the high school coach. A coach will NOT be permitted on the courts except in case of injury.
  4. The Tennis Committee considers entry on the draw sheet as the start of play; though the tournament director can use their discretion to replace a player unable to participate in the first round.
  5. Any player found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct during tournament play will be penalized according to the following point penalty system:
    - a. Tardiness penalties (assessed by the Site Director: refer to current "Friend at Court.")
      - (1) One game for each five minutes or fraction thereof that contestant(s) is late.
      - (2) Forfeit by contestant(s) arriving 15 minutes after the official calling of the match.
    - b. Failure to commence play after expiration of established warm-up period:
      - 1st offense - Warning
      - 2nd offense - one point
    - c. Violation of Rule 30 (continuous play)
      - 1st offense - Warning
      - 2nd & subsequent offenses - one point
    - d. Unsportsmanlike acts
      - 1st offense - one point
      - 2nd offense - Disqualification
    - e. Profane, threatening or obscene language, gestures or taunting
      - 1st offense - one point
      - 2nd offense - Disqualification

6. A Player is responsible for the Standard of Conduct of persons (including, but not limited to, parents and coaches), and may be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct committed by such persons.

*NOTE: All penalty points will be assessed by a tournament official including committee members. Warnings and penalty points will be recorded immediately at the scorer's table.*

#### C. Determining the Winner

1. Individual Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> place in each Draw.

2. Players/Teams will also earn points for their school as follows:

- 1st Place: 16 Points
- 2nd Place: 14 Points
- 3rd Place: 10 Points
- 4th Place: 8 Points
- 5-8 Place: 6 Points
- 9-16 Place: 2 Points (Singles Only)

*School Championship Order of Finish will be determined by a tally of the results of the school's Best FOUR (4) results (maximum). The highest sum will be the Team Champion. In case of a Tie: USTA Rules for Tie-breaks, based on percentage of sets won of all sets completed for the top 4 results will be used.*