

## MODIFIED BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS

### **Game Conditions**

1. A minimum of one night rest between contests.
2. The maximum number of contests is 10. (*Updated 9/09*)
3. Six practices are required before the first scrimmage.
4. Eight practices are required before the first interschool contest.
5. No more than three matches per week.

### **Game Rules**

1. USTA Rules.
2. Contests should consist of four singles and three doubles matches, unless agreed upon prior to the contest.
3. Two four-game sets shall be played. A 4-point scoring system shall be used with no deuce point. At 3 points to 3 points in a game, the receiver has the choice of side.
4. A player may play singles or doubles but cannot play in both in any one interschool contest.

### **Section XI Rules**

1. Set and Match Rules. No ad scoring will be used.

Set: A set is won by a team or individual winning four games first.

Examples of winning sets: 4-0, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3

Match: Each match will consist of winning two sets in a row or winning a 12-point tie breaker after splitting sets. The maximum number of games in a match would be 15.

Example of matches:

- 4-2, 4-3, (no tie breaker played)
- 1-4, 4-0, (10-8) (tie breakers played)
- 4-0, 2-4, (7-5) (tie breakers played)
- 4-3, 3-4, (7-2) (tie breakers played)

2. The 12-Point Tie Breaker (Official USTA Rule)

a. Singles: Player B, having served the last game at 3-3, lets player A serve the first point from the right court; B serves points 2 and 3 (left and right), A serves point 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 point 12 (left). The player who reaches 7 points during these first 12 points wins the game and set. If the score has reached 6 points all, the players change ends and continue in the same pattern until one player establishes a margin of two points, which gives him/her the game and set. Note that the players change ends every six points, and that the player who serves the last point of one of these 6-point segments also serves the first point of the next one (from right court). For a following set the players change ends and B serves the first game.

b. Doubles: Follows the same pattern, with partners preserving their serving sequence. Assume players A-B versus players C-D, with A having served the first game of the set. A serves the first point (right); C serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); B serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); D serves point 6 (left) and the teams change ends. D serves point 7 (right); A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); C serves points 10 and 11 (left and right); B serves point 12 (left). The team that wins 7 points during these first 12 points wins the game and set. If the score has reached 6 points all, the teams change ends. B then serves point 13 (right) and they continue until one team establishes a 2 point margin and

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thus wins the game and set. As in singles, they change ends for one game to start a following set, with players C-D to serve first.

3. Contests shall consist of four singles and three doubles matches.
4. The home team should furnish USTA approved tennis balls for each match.
5. A team roster should be available for the coach of the opposing team.
6. No spectators are allowed near court side. This includes all team members.
7. Coaching
  - a. No coaching by anyone except coaches.
  - b. Coaches should restrain from coaching until the one minute crossover after odd numbered games.
  - c. A tie breaker should be considered as one game, therefore no coaching during the tie breaker.
8. The receiver may ask the coach to call foot faults and to observe any other infractions.
9. When coaches are requested to make line calls, a point shall only be overruled if questioned by a player.
10. Coaches should not walk on the court except to officiate a tie breaker or in dealing with emergency situations.
11. Players should bring their own water bottles to matches.
12. Players should not leave the court until the match is over.
13. For the purpose of ensuring that every eligible tennis player has the opportunity to play in a match, each may play one (1) additional singles or doubles match per day. The individual limitations/day for tennis (Reference: Modified Sports Standards Chart, NYSPHSAA Handbook) shall be increased to two (2) matches per day, provided that every individual eligible players plays once before any player plays twice.

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