

20. TENNIS

20.01 Rules: USTA (United State Tennis Association- Friend at Court)

<https://www.nfhs.org/media/3609820/2020-friend-at-court.pdf>

20.02 Maximum Number of contests: 16

20.03 Practice Requirements:

Number of practices to represent school: 6 (individual)

20.04 Nights rest between contests: 1 night

20.05 Individual Contests limitation per day: 2 matches (Modified scoring must be used). For tournament play reference 20.08.2, 20.08.3 and 20.08.4.

20.06 Scrimmage limitations per day: 1 scrimmage

20.07 Waivers of USTA Friend at Court Tennis Rules:

None.

20.08 NYSPHSAA Tennis Rules:

1. A player may compete in either a singles or doubles competition on the same day. Only two (2) matches are allowed per day and both matches must use a modified scoring system that conforms to one of the following formats:

a. best 2 of 3 sets;

b. using no-ad scoring, with a 12-point tie breaker at 6-all;

c. ten-game pro-set, using regular scoring with a 12-point tie breaker at 9-all. (May 2011)

2. In tournament play, the maximum number of matches shall be three in one day.

3. Participation in a two-day invitational tennis tournament shall count as one of the 16 contests permitted and only three (3) such tournaments shall be allowed within the 16-contest limitation.

4. In league and sectional competition, sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four (4) in one day using modified scoring with rest periods being 30-minutes for the quarter final and below, 45-minutes for the semi-finals and 60-minutes for the finals. (May 2010)

5. The Commitment to Compete form must be completed to be eligible to compete in the NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament (Boys-May 2003; Girls-May 2006). Failure to honor your commitment to complete the tournament for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next year's NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament. This incident will also be reported to the student's school administration. (May 2011)

6. At the NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament coaching on the court is permitted, however cheering remains prohibited. (Jan. 2009)

7. No practice shall be permitted at the Girls tournament venue on any day of the State Tournament competition. (July 2019)

20.09 Tennis Scrimmage Rules:

1. A tennis scrimmage must alter format, so it does not follow the regular competition format for league/sectional play.

Suggested formats include, but are not limited to:

2. Teams use tie breaks only.

3. Five (5) game pro-set- first (1st) one to three (3) points.

4. Modified eight (8) game pro-set – first (1st) players to three (3) points completes the scrimmage.

20.10 Tennis Championship Week #:

GIRLS Week #17/ BOYS Week #48