

Article VIII - BOYS TENNIS

800. STARTING DATES

- a. Organized practice for all levels may not begin prior to a date established by the CCS. CCS Bylaws: [Article V Approved Sports, Section 3 Season of Sport, F Practice, 6 Starting Dates for Practice.](#)

801. PRACTICE

- a. "Organized Practice" is defined as a practice which is attended by the players and a coach, and at which the coach directs, instructs and drills the players, players and/or the whole team.
- b. The WBAL will reflect the CCS By-Laws ([Article V, Section 3, F-Practices](#))

802. SCHEDULE

- a. The 8 teams in the WBAL will play a 10 game league schedule and have been split into 2 groups. Sacred Heart Prep, Menlo, Crystal Springs and Harker make up the upper group. Priory, The King's Academy, Pinewood and Nueva make up the lower group. The upper group will play each other twice in a random round robin format. The lower group will play each other twice in a random round robin format. Each upper group team will play each lower group team only once.

803. SCRIMMAGES

- a. CCS Bylaws: Article V Approved Sports, Section 3 Season of Sport, G Scrimmages
- b. A scrimmage is considered a contest per all CIF and CCS bylaws and is defined as (1) an activity involving teams or individual student-athletes from two or more different schools in a CIF-approved sport; AND (2) where no score is kept; AND (3) where regulation time is not kept; AND (4) where substitute rules are set aside; AND (5) where coaches are stopping play for instructional purposes, (6) where officials are allowed to be paid, and (7) where admission may be charge to spectators.
- c. All scrimmages must be listed on a school's official sports schedule if they are scheduled before the season begins.

804. MATCHES

- a. Competition shall be in accordance with USTA rules (The Friends at Court) and as amended by the Board of Managers.
- b. Students may play singles or doubles, but not both in a particular league dual match or the WBAL CCS PostSeason Qualifying Tournament.
- c. A league match will consist of seven matches; 4 singles and 3 doubles.
- d. Suggested pre-match schedule: 3:00 team warm up, 3:05 coaches exchange lineups, 3:15 ladder introductions, 3:20 match warm up, 3:30 match starts
- e. Ten minutes prior to introductions, coaches will exchange lineup sheets that will include current lineup and previous match lineup. If a conflict arises, it must be addressed at this time.
- f. Each individual match will consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets, no ad.
- g. A set that is tied at 6 games each will use the 12 point tiebreaker as written in the USTA Rule Book.
- h. For dual matches, the home team will provide new USTA approved tennis balls & score cards for each court. A new can of balls should be provided for the third set.
- i. For league matches in lieu of a full third set, a 10 point tiebreaker will be played unless both coaches agree to an alternate format.

805. TEAM LADDERS

- a. Definition: a team ladder is the arrangement of a team's players in rank order so as to determine the line-up of a team on any given day for match purposes.
- b. Team competition involves a format in which players play either singles or doubles, but not both on the same day.

- c. The line up must be in descending order of ability (1-10).
- d. On a particular match day, the top 3 singles players shall be selected from among the top 6 singles players. #4 singles may be selected from any of the 10 players, playing in the match.
- e. Singles players shall be placed on a ladder in order of their strength as determined by head-to-head competition "using at least an 8 game pro set. (The #1 player shall have beaten the #2 player, the #2 player shall have beaten the #3 player, etc.)

805A. MAINTAINING THE LADDER

- a. Coaches will submit a fixed ladder to the League AD Representative & the League Commissioner before the first league contest and an updated ladder before the first match of the second round.
 - 1. Coaches will submit a fixed ladder to the League AD Representative 24 hours before the first league contest. If the ladder is not submitted by a team by the timeline, their match will be played but will be a forfeit. Subsequent matches will continue to be played and forfeited until a ladder is submitted to the league AD Representative. The ladder will be made public on a shared google doc by noon on the day of the first league match.
 - 2. The team fixed ladder can be adjusted (based on head to head challenge matches) every two weeks starting on the 2nd Friday of the first league match. The ladder will be open for adjustments every other Friday from 10am-3pm, starting on the 2nd Friday of league matches. If a team does not adjust their ladder, then the ladder from the previous two weeks will be used. Ladder adjustments will be sent via email to the League AD Rep who will update the Ladder on the google doc in the afternoon.
- b. Teams must go with the best available players on that day in proper descending order. Moving players to positions they do not belong in is not permitted.
- c. In the event a player can not play a match due to illness or injury, the coach must move everyone up one position. When a #1 person is unavailable, she should be replaced by the #2 players, and the rest of the singles ladder must move up one position. The #4 single spots can be forfeited or a JV player can fill in that spot. The doubles team can be kept intact.
- d. At each match each coach will fill out a line up sheet indicating that day's lineup as well as bringing lineups of the previous match.
- e. Ladders will be maintained by the tennis AD League Representative.

805B. HEAD TO HEAD CHALLENGE MATCHES ON THE LADDER

- a. Head to head challenge matches on the ladder - All varsity head to head matches will be a minimum of an 8 game pro set.
- b. Each player or doubles team on the varsity squad may challenge only the player or team that is one spot or ranking ahead on the ladder. Ex #3 can only challenge #2.
- c. During the league season, players shall make no more than one challenge per week.
- d. Any player or team being challenged by the player or team one spot below must accept the challenge.
- e. The challenge must be held during a regularly scheduled weekday practice in the presence of the coach.
- f. Coaches shall have recorded evidence of every challenge match on the team. They shall be prepared to show these records at any time (ex. match, coaches' meeting, etc.)
- g. After a successful challenge, all players shall play at least one match at their new spots prior to challenging or being challenged again.
- h. A new player joining the team after initial season ladder is set:
 - i. is not limited to one challenge per week.
 - ii. shall have at least one win and one loss in team challenges prior to representing the team in a league match. (Exception: the player who challenges at #1 singles and wins.)

806. GENERAL RULINGS

- a. Foot faults are common in matches so the following procedure needs to be adopted formally. If a foot fault is spotted by the opposing player or either coach, the player tells the coach on his/her own team and the coach tells the opposing player's coach, who in turn, issues a warning to his/her player. A coach can warn the other coach as well. If the problem is a chronic one, line judges will be called on to officiate.
- b. Each player is required to call out the score before each serve and the set score at the beginning of each game.
- c. Each coach should notify the other coach to verify each match and be sure of the proper location. Practice games with other girls not on the varsity ladder should be played as time and numbers allow.
- d. Any team has the option to hire a USTA official for a dual match. (optional choice)

807. MATCH CONDUCT

- a. Coaching during a match
 - i. Team Coaching: A coach may coach a player any time during the match so long as the coach does not interfere with play. Coaches shall not in any way distract or annoy, or talk to the opposing player. Violations of these provisions, resulting in the player on the court where violation occurred, shall be assessed a point penalty. Penalties for coaching are not treated as part of the Point Penalty System, and they do not accumulate. *Maximum of 20 seconds between points, and 90 seconds on changeovers.* Coaches may not sit or stand anywhere that interferes or obstructs with play. *If on the court area, coaches must be near the bench and cannot pass the service line.* A coach may change courts when the movement will not interrupt play. Coaches may coach within the lines of the court only during a changeover, set break or when changing courts.
 - ii. Maximum of 2 coaches available to coach during a match per team.
 - iii. A warning will be called on the player/players of a team if a parent of another member of the team interferes (coaching, questioning calls, scoring, etc.)
 - iv. Coaches may only speak to their own players and parents during match play.
 - v. If there is an injury, you can attend to your player on the court but you cannot coach if it is outside of the 90 second change over.
- b. Time limits
 - i. There is a 90-second time limit when players are switching sides between games, except after game
 - ii. There is a 20 second time limit between points.
 - iii. Players have a 10-minute break between sets when they split sets.
- c. Dress Code
 - i. Same color tops with school representation and same color shorts/skirts shall be worn by all playing team members. There shall be no exposed midribs. All players not in uniform are not eligible to play.
- d. Crowd Control
 - i. The home school has every right to ask someone from the home or visiting school to leave due to inappropriate behavior.
 - ii. If an incident does occur, fill out the CCS incident form and send it to the league commissioner.
 - iii. If there is an open court next to a match, players and coaches are allowed on the court. They are permitted to only stay on the half court line no closer than the middle of the court.

808. CCS ADVANCEMENT

- a. The round robin league winner will represent the league as the automatic qualifier in the team CCS tournament.
- b. Tie Breaking Procedure (League Standing only):
 - i. Head-to-head competition
 - ii. Final score (between teams in question), e.g. 4-3, 2-5, Team #2 wins TB by score of 8-6
 - iii. Total number of sets won (between teams in question)
 - iv. Total number of games won (between teams in question)
 - v. Coin flip
- c. Individual Qualifiers

- i. Individual Tournament: 16 Singles & 16 doubles teams.
 1. Each team will send 2 singles and 2 doubles teams to the individual tournament. If a school doesn't want to send a representative (singles or doubles) that opportunity will go back to the #1 ranked team to send another representative. If the #1 ranked team declines, the opportunity will go to the #2 team, etc until the bracket is filled.
 2. Thursday night (immediately after last league contest) Tournament Seeding Meeting and Coaches Postseason Meeting
 3. Monday (week after league play) 1st Round of Individual Qualifier, beginning at 3pm
 4. Tuesday 2nd Round of Individual Qualifier, beginning at 4pm
- ii. Seeding
 1. The individual tournament will be an 8 player/team tournament. League dual match records are used to place the top 8 players.
 2. Higher seed will go to the winner of the last head to head match.
 3. Players are eligible to compete in the tournament as singles or doubles players, regardless of their standing during the regular season.
 4. Byes will be given as needed to the top 4 seeded players and the rest will be by blind draw. All other players will also be placed on the ladder using the blind draw, except, such that players from the same school would not meet each other until the semi-finals (flip-flop).
 5. Once the seeding meeting has taken place, lineups cannot be changed unless there is an injury or illness. In an event a seeded player misses the tournament, a substitute may play, but no reseeding attempt will be made and substitute player will not gain the predesignated seed.
 6. Teams should arrive ½ hour before the tournament begins.
- iii. Representatives shall serve as the Tournament Director, or as designated by the WBAL BOM.
- iv. The penalty point system used by the CCS shall be followed.
- v. The tournament champions will represent the league in the CCS Individual Tournament. The 2nd and 3rd place finishers will be nominated as At Large Qualifiers for CCS. In case of illness or hardship, a replacement shall be the next highest available individual player or next highest available doubles team, and it shall be the responsibility of the replacement school coach to ensure the replacement is entered and present at the tournament.
- vi. A player may be given a 40 minute maximum rest period between matches but they may start earlier if both are ready.

809. MVP & All LEAGUE SELECTIONS

- a. Before the all-league teams are picked, coaches from each team need to submit their choices and hopefully objective reasons for their league player of the year.
- b. Each team may submit one nominee for the player of the year but are not mandated to submit a nominee. After the names are posted, the nominating coaches can discuss the merits of their candidates (brief and to the point, please). A silent, written vote will take place to determine these award winners (one vote for each coach present). If there is a tie, there will be a "vote off" with just the two finalists...if a tie remains after the vote off, both will be considered "Co-Players of the Year".
- c. In all sports where a coaches vote is needed, a coach cannot vote for their individual student-athlete
- d. After the players of the year are awarded in each category, the following table will be used to determine all-league selection. Each coach will select his/her players accordingly. These selections are in addition to the player of the year. **Teams can/should give up spots that he/she doesn't have a deserving player for the particular all-league team.**
- e. By using the below table, there will no longer be the need to vote for All League, just the respective position "Players of the Year".

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LEAGUE

Place	# of 1st Team Players	# of 2nd Team Players	# of Honorable Mention Players	Total
1	4	2	1	7
2	3	2	1	6
3	2	2	1	5
4	1	2	1	4
5	1	2	1	4
6	0	1	2	3
7	0	1	1	2
8	0	0	1	1
Total	11	12	9	30

CHAMPION

- a. The WBAL League Champion will come from the team in the upper group with the best league record. Even if a team from the lower group has a better league record, the champion will still come from the upper group.