

2024 NIAA Boys & Girls Tennis Reference

Rule Advisories

The NIAA's tennis uniform rule:

“Legal / Approved, school-issued team uniforms are required to be worn by all competitors during team and individual matches. Team uniforms will consist of, as a minimum, the embroidering / screening of the school name, initials or mascot on the uniform, and/or the school's colors.

Team uniforms may otherwise be accepted as legal and school-issued if all participants on a team are wearing the same, matching uniform regardless of colors, etc. This team uniform regulation is in regards to tops (jerseys) only. This team uniform regulation does not include shorts/skirts (bottoms). The team uniform tops (jerseys) may be a polo shirt, a T-shirt or any other representative jersey of men's or women's tennis-based apparel. The penalty for an individual competing in an illegal uniform shall be, in the first offense, a coaches' suspension for the ensuing round of team or individual competition and, in the second offense, the disqualification of the individual from the tournament in the case of the individual portion of the tournament.”

A tennis “team”:

“A boys and/or girls tennis team will consist of a minimum of six (6) playing individuals per team match. A tennis team must be able to contest at least two (2) singles matches and two (2) doubles matches OR at least three (3) doubles matches to participate in a team match. If a tennis team is not able to field the minimum number of players required by this regulation to contest a team match, that team must notify its opponent at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled match start time and declare a forfeit. If a team forfeits a match based on its failure to comply with the minimum participant requirement outlined in this regulation, it may still compete in a non-counting match against the opponent with the approval of the opponent's coach and/or school administration.

A team must have at least six eligible players on the roster as of the final day of the regular season to be permitted to play in the postseason.

NOTE: Because of pre-arranged travel schedules (bus routes) and match time schedules in both Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada, a forfeiting team will NOT be required to travel to the site of the winning team (see last sentence above). This was amended on August 10, 2006.

Region Tournaments

Class 1A and Class 2A

Class 1A and Class 2A will combine with Class 3A in their respective region championship tournaments.

Class 3A – Northern League and Southern League

Team –

The top six (6) teams in the Northern League, based on final regular-season standings, qualify for the region championship tournament.

Quarterfinals: a) No. 1 seed – bye; b) No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed;
c) No. 2 seed – bye; d) No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed

Semifinals: No. 1 seed vs. b winner; No. 2 seed vs. d winner

The top eight (8) teams in the Southern League, based on final regular-season standings, qualify for the region championship tournament.

Quarterfinals: a) No. 1 seed vs. No. 8 seed; b) No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed;
c) No. 2 seed vs. No. 7 seed; d) No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed.

Semifinals: a winner vs. b winner; c winner vs. d winner

Both Class 3A region team tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

Individual –

The Northern League and Southern League championship tournaments will consist of a 16 (Northern) / **24** (Southern)-person singles bracket and a 16 (Northern) / **24** (Southern)-team doubles bracket based on the seeding criteria outlined in the region tournament information packets (please see also Individual Competition Format). Each team, based on final regular-season standings, will get a specified number of entries into the bracket.

Class 4A – Southern Region and Northern League

Team –

The top six (6) teams in the Northern League, based on final regular-season standings, qualify for the Northern championship tournament. The No. 1 and No. 2 seeds will get a first-round bye.

Quarterfinals: a) No. 1 seed – bye; b) No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed;
c) No. 2 seed – bye; d) No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed

Semifinals: No. 1 seed vs. b winner; No. 2 seed vs. d winner

The top five (5) teams from both the Desert League and the Mountain League, based on final regular-season standings, qualify for the Southern Region championship tournament.

First round: a) No. 4 Mountain vs. No. 5 Desert; b) No. 4 Desert vs. No. 5 Mountain

Quarterfinals: c) No. 1 Desert vs. a winner; d) No. 2 Mountain vs. No. 3 Desert;
e) No. 1 Mountain vs. b winner; f) No. 2 Desert vs. No. 3 Mountain

Semifinals: c winner vs. d winner; e winner vs. f winner

Both region championship tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

Individual –

The Northern League and Southern Region individual championship tournaments both will consist of a **32**-person singles bracket and a **32**-team doubles bracket based on the seeding criteria outlined in the region tournament information packets (please see also Individual Competition Format). Each team will get up to three entries into each bracket. The higher seeds may get byes in the first round.

Class 5A – Southern League / State

Team –

The top eight (8) teams from the Southern League, based on final regular-season standings, qualify for the state championship tournament. The tournament will be a single-elimination bracket.

Quarterfinals: No. 1 seed vs. No. 8 seed; No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed;
No. 2 seed vs. No. 7 seed; No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed

Semifinals: a winner vs. b winner; c winner vs. d winner

Individual –

The Class 5A Southern / State individual championship tournament will consist of a **24**-person singles bracket and a **24**-team doubles bracket based on the seeding criteria outlined in the tournament information packet (please see also Individual Competition Format). Each team within the Southern League, based on final regular-season standings / placings, will get a specified number of seeds into the bracket.

State Championships

Class 3A —

Team – The top two (2) teams (champion and runner-up) from the Northern League championship tournament and the top two (2) teams (champion & runner-up) from the Southern League championship tournament advance to the four (4)-team Class 3A state championship tournament.

Individual (Singles/Doubles) – The top four (4) placers from the Northern League championship tournament and the top four (4) placers from the Southern League championship tournament advance to the eight (8)-player/team, single-elimination Class 3A (singles/doubles) state championship bracket.

Class 4A —

Team – The top two (2) teams (champion & runner-up) from the Northern League championship tournament and the top two (2) teams (champion & runner-up) from the Southern Region championship tournament advance to the four (4)-team Class 4A state championship tournament.

Individual – The top four (4) individuals (singles players & doubles teams) from the Northern League championship tournament and the top four (4) individuals (singles players & doubles teams) from the Southern Region championship tournament will advance to the Class 4A state championship tournament.

Class 5A —

The Southern Region tournament is synonymous with the Class 5A state championship tournament and is listed on page 5.

Team competition format (regular and postseason matches)

An 18-point round-robin format will be used in all team competitions.

Each team will consist of nine (9) players - three (3) singles players and three (3) doubles teams.

Both singles and doubles shall play round robin. No player may play both singles and doubles.

Singles players will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing singles player. One (1) point will be awarded for each set won (total of 9 points available).

Doubles teams will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing doubles team. One (1) point will be awarded for each set won (total of 9 points available).

Each set will consist of ad scoring; The USTA 12-point tie-break system will be used when the game score reaches 6-6.

If a tie exists at the conclusion of the team match (9-9 team score), the teams will enter into a tie-break playoff round whereby the No. 1 singles player/doubles team of one team will play against the No. 1 singles player/doubles team of the other team, the No. 2 singles player/doubles team of one team will play against the No. 2 singles player/doubles team of the other team and the No. 3 singles player/ doubles team of one team will play against the No. 3 singles player/doubles team of the other team all in a 12-point USTA tie-breaker. The team which wins a majority of the six contested tie-breakers will be the winner of the match.

If the teams split (tie 3-3) during the tie-break playoff round, the team which scored more total points in the tie-break playoff round will be the winner of the match. If the tie still remains, the tie-breaker will continue as listed below:

- If the tie remains after points won during REGULAR-SEASON matches (tie-break round), the match will remain as a draw/tie.
- If the tie remains after points won during POST-SEASON matches (tie-break round), the following additional tie-breakers will be used (in order):
 - a. Most games won in matches contested between the No. 1 players (singles & doubles combined) of both teams only.
 - b. Most games won in matches contested between the No. 2 players (singles & doubles combined) of both teams only.
 - c. Most games won in matches contested between the No. 3 players (singles & doubles combined) of both teams only.

Example of Tie-Breaker :

Team A's No. 1 singles player defeats Team B's No. 1 singles player by a set score of 6-3. Team B's No. 1 doubles team defeats Team A's No. 1 doubles team by a set score of 6-4. Team A wins the tie-breaker and the team match by virtue of Team A's No. 1 players winning the match-ups by a 10-9 margin. THE MATCH ENDS AFTER ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA (a, b, or c) DETERMINES THE WINNER.

The higher seed will be the home team. If like seeds meet, the team listed on top of the bracket for that match will be the home team. This bracket will rotate each year and reflect the site/area of the tournament..

Coaches will exchange lineups simultaneously. Players will start play based on the lineup exchanged between the coaches. This will apply during the first round of the round robin only. **Play will continue thereafter as courts and opponents become available.** A maximum of 10 minutes will be permitted between sets.

Substitutions are allowed in round robin competitions after the completion of any round. If a particular player is to re-enter the lineup after a substitution, however, he/she must re-enter at the same position (1, 2 or 3) that he/she started.

Individual (singles/doubles) competition format (postseason)

A best-of-three format will be played with each set consisting of ad scoring unless otherwise specified in the specific tournament information packets for early rounds of region tournament play.

The USTA 12-point tie-break will be used when the game score of a set reaches 6-6.

Tennis tiebreaker (postseason qualifying)

Note: Other criteria may be used for leagues which do not play a full schedule

1. The win-loss records of the teams in league play shall determine the seeding into a league/region tournament. The league's/region's administrators will determine win-loss records based on previously approved schedules. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken using the following procedures:
2. Tie between two (2) teams
 - A. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.
 - B. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each match won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.
 - C. If the tie remains, the team that won the second league match scheduled between the two teams will be the highest seed.
 - D. Coin toss.

EXCEPTION: Steps C & D are only to be used for seeding. A team shall not be eliminated from league or region competition by the use of step/s 'C' and/or 'D'. If the tie is not broken in steps 'A' and/or 'B' and a team will be eliminated, a playoff match will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for this contest.

3. Ties between three (3) or more teams
 - A. In all cases of ties involving more than two teams, as each team is removed from the tie, all other tied teams revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.
 - B. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.

Example of multiple team ties:

Team A defeated Team B twice and split with Team C
Team B defeated Team C twice and lost to Team A twice
Team C lost to Team B twice and split with Team B

Team A is 3-1; Team B is 2-2; Team C is 1-3.

Team A receives the highest seed. Team B earns the second-highest seed based on its head-to-head record with Team C.

- C. Total points between tied teams
If the tie remains, tied teams will compare their victory total with each other in league play. Each team will total their points in victory against the other tied teams. The team with the highest number of total points will receive the highest seed. If there is a tie for highest point total, then those tied teams shall revert back to the respective tie-breaking procedure based on the number of teams remaining in the tie. Once a team is eliminated, the remaining teams will always refer back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.

Example of total points:

Team A defeats Team B, 16-2

Team B defeats Team C, 13-5

Team C defeats Team A, 10-8

Total points for Team A: 24

Total points for Team B: 15

Total points for Team C: 15

Team A is awarded highest seed

Team B is awarded second-highest seed after reverting back to head-to-head record against Team C

NOTE: The winning team in a forfeited match will be credited with a +10 margin of victory.

- D. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each team match won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.
- E. If a tie still exists and all tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region playoffs, are guaranteed entrance into the tournament, then a coin toss will be used to determine seeding. The winner of any coin flip will receive the highest seed. Remaining teams would revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.
- F. If a tie still exists, and one or more of the tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region playoffs, must be eliminated, a playoff match(es) will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for the event.

Note: In the event of a multiple team tie as outlined in step 'F,' the tied teams will draw numbers. The team drawing #1 will have a bye and will play the winner of the first playoff game. All games will be scheduled as soon as possible. Seeding will be established by the results of the playoff.

General information

More information with regards to procedures, rules and regulations (entries, etc.) can be found in the specific league / region and state championship tournament information packets. These information packets are binding documents for the meets they serve and act as standing state adopted rules.

Contact Limit

The participation limit for tennis is 18 matches total during the regular season.

NIAA HANDBOOK – TENNIS REGULATIONS

NAC 385B.510 Tennis: Generally. (NRS 385B.060)

1. The Board shall establish the date upon which a school may begin practicing for a tennis season at least 2 years before the beginning of the season. Each season ends upon completion of the state tournament for tennis. The state tournament must be conducted at the date, time and place specified by the Board.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each tennis game must be conducted in accordance with the rules of tennis adopted by the United States Tennis Association or its successor organization.
3. An 18-point round-robin format must be used for each regular or postseason tennis game. Each team that participates in tennis as a sanctioned sport must consist of three members who play singles games and six members who play as members of three doubles teams. A member of a team may not play both singles games and doubles games.
4. Each member of a team who plays singles games must play one set consisting of six games against each member of an opposing team who plays singles games. If the member wins a set, the member is entitled to receive one point for that set.
5. Each doubles team must play one set consisting of six games against each opposing doubles team. If a doubles team wins a set, the team is entitled to receive one point for that set.
6. No person, other than a coach for a school, may provide instruction to a member of a team during a changeover that occurs during a set. Each coach shall ensure that each member of the team for which he or she is a coach wears a school uniform for tennis during the period in which the member participates in a tennis game as a member of that team. A school uniform for tennis is not required to consist of the colors of that school.
7. If a tennis match results in a tie score, the winner of the match must be determined in the manner specified in the manual prepared by the Association for that purpose.
8. Each state tournament for tennis must be conducted in accordance with the manual prepared by the Association for that purpose.

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TENNIS (boys & girls common) alignments

Class 5A (Southern only, 11 teams, one league)

Arbor View Aggies
Basic Wolves
Bishop Gorman Gaels
Clark Chargers
Coronado Cougars
Faith Lutheran Crusaders

Green Valley Gators
Liberty Patriots
Palo Verde Panthers
Shadow Ridge Mustangs
Spring Valley Grizzlies

Class 4A (Northern and Southern, 29 teams)

Class 4A Northern (one league, nine teams)

Bishop Manogue Miners
Carson Senators
Damonte Ranch Mustangs
Douglas Tigers
Galena Grizzlies
McQueen Lancers
Reed Raiders
Reno Huskies
Spanish Springs Cougars

Class 4A Southern (two leagues, 20 tms)

Desert League (10 teams)

Centennial Bulldogs
Cheyenne Desert Shields
Del Sol Dragons
Desert Oasis Diamondbacks
Doral Red Rock Dragons
Durango Trailblazers
Las Vegas Wildcats
Rancho Rams
Sierra Vista Mountain Lions
Western Warriors

Mountain League (10 teams)

Bonanza Bengals
Canyon Springs Pioneers
Desert Pines Jaguars
Foothill Falcons
The Meadows Mustangs
Mojave Rattlers
Silverado Skyhawks
SECTA Roadrunners
Sunrise Mountain Miners
Valley Vikings

Class 3A (Northern and Southern, 22 teams)

Class 3A Northern (one league, nine teams)

Churchill County Greenwave
Hug Hawks
Incline Highlanders
North Tahoe Lakers
North Valleys Panthers
South Tahoe Vikings
Sparks Railroaders
Truckee Wolverines
Wooster Colts

Class 3A Southern (one league, 13 teams)

Adelson Lions
Boulder City Eagles
Cheyenne Desert Shields
Cimarron-Memorial Spartans
Coral Academy Las Vegas Falcons
Eldorado Sundevils
Lake Mead Eagles
Legacy Longhorns
Mater Academy East Knights
Moapa Valley Pirates
Pahrump Valley Trojans
Sloan Canyon Pirates
Virgin Valley Bulldogs