

Section One Girls Tennis Booklet 2025



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pre-Season Coaches Meeting: TBD

First Practice: Mon, Aug 25th

First Scrimmage/Game: Tues, Sept 2nd

Last day to play: Individual - Tues, Oct 7th

Team - Tues, Oct 7th

Seeding Meeting: Individual - Wed, Oct 8th

Team - Tues, Oct 14th

Maximum # of Contests 16

Rules USTA

POSTSEASON

The dates/times and format of play for the Section One Tournaments are subject to change at the discretion of the sports chairperson or the section office due to inclement weather. Dates of the postseason tournaments are based on the dates of the NYSPHSAA championships.

Individual Tournament:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st/2nd round:	Sat & Sun, 10/11-10/12	Harrison HS	8am
Round of 16 & Quarters:	Mon, 10/13	Harrison HS	8am
Semis:	Tues, 10/14	Harrison HS	TBD
Finals and 3rd place:	Wed, 10/15	Harrison HS	TBD

Team Tournament:

2/3 Tournament

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Quarters:	Sat, 10/18	Higher Seed	4pm
*Semis:	Sun, 10/19	Harrison HS	TBD
*Finals:	Mon, 10/20	Harrison HS	TBD

*Semis and Finals may be played on the same day, weather dependent

3/4 Tournament

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Quarters:	Sat, 10/18	Higher Seed	4pm
*Semis:	Sun, 10/19	Harrison HS	TBD
*Finals:	Mon, 10/20	Harrison HS	TBD

*Semis and Finals may be played on the same day, weather dependent

Regional Competition

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Team Regionals (DI and DII)	TBD	Section I: Harrison HS	TBD

Raindate: TBD

NYSPHSAA Championships

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Individual Tournament	Mon, 10/27- Wed, 10/29	USTA Tennis Center, Flushing, NY	8am
Team Final Four and Finals	Fri, 11/7	USTA Tennis Center, Flushing, NY	TBD

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RULES FOR REGULAR SEASON PLAY



1. The contest shall consist of seven (7) matches in all divisions that play 3/4 format. The contests will be 5 matches in all divisions that play 2/3 format.
2. When seven (7) matches are played, they will consist of three (3) singles and four (4) Doubles. (Eleven (11) Players) When five (5) matches are played, they will consist of two (2) singles and three (3) doubles. (Eight (8) Players)
 - a. Each match shall be decided by the best two (2) out of three (3) sets. Regular scoring will be used in all sets. If a 3rd set is required, a 10 pt. tie-breaker will be played instead of the 3rd set.
 - b. If the set is tied at 6 all, a 12-point tiebreaker will be employed. First to 7 points must win by 2. Players will exchange ends of court after the six points, and every multiple of six after that. The player or team must win by a margin of two.
 - c. Individual/dual matches may be shortened, when conditions warrant and with the agreement of both coaches.
3. Scoring:
 - a. Players shall keep score in accordance with USTA rules.
 - b. Disputes in scoring and line calls are to be referred to a coach. If a decision cannot be reached, the players will go back to the last agreed upon score or if this fails, the final determination will be by the spin of the racket.
 - c. *When in doubt about a call, the call should go to the opponent.
4. When seven (7) matches are played, the lineup shall consist of the top three (3) players in order of ability, as determined by playoff in singles position 1, 2, and 3. The remaining players shall be grouped into doubles teams, and after playoffs, set up in order 1, 2, 3, and 4. Lineups shall be exchanged simultaneously.
 - a. If a singles player is forced to miss a match for illness or other reasons, the coach must elect one of the following actions:
 - i. Move all other singles players up, and move a doubles player up to third singles.
 - ii. Play a substitute at third singles, moving all singles players up.
 - iii. Coaches may not move a substitute directly into first or second singles. If one (1) player of the #1, #2, #3, doubles teams are missing, any player not otherwise playing may substitute at fourth doubles. All other players may only move up or down one position.
 - b. Late arriving player: It is recognized that the **HOME** team may sometimes have problems. Therefore, while it is discouraged, a match for a late arriver may be postponed until a court opens for the 7th match. If the late arrival is not ready when the court opens, the match is defaulted.
 - c. If a team is forced to default a position, every effort should be made to notify the coach of the other team.
5. If a match is called because of rain or darkness, the team that is ahead will be declared the winner, if it has scored four (4) points when seven (7) matches are contested or three (3) points when five (5) matches are contested.. The **HOME** coach will determine whether a match is to be called.

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6. If neither team has scored four (4) points or three (3) points and a partially completed match is halted by rain or darkness, it will be resumed from the point at which it stopped and the following will apply:
 - a. All individual matches that have started will continue from the point of interruption.
 - b. All matches completed prior to interruption shall count.
 - c. If an individual match has started, the same players must continue. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit for that particular match.
 - d. All individual matches that have not started may be played with substitute players, however, the lineup still must adhere to the stacking rule.
7. Only the coach may speak to the players at the change of sides in order to permit the normal progress of the match. The coach cannot go on the court. There is a maximum of ten (10) minutes between the second and third sets. No one, but players, is to be on the court.
8. School uniforms must be worn along with appropriate tennis attire and shoes.
9. Point Penalties – Unsportsmanlike conduct – Modified USTA point penalties will be used. (See Below.) They may be called by either coach.
 - a. A warning should be issued prior to the beginning of a team match.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	1st	2nd	3rd
i. Obscenity or profanity - visible or audible	PT	GAME	DFLT
ii. Abuse of racket, balls, or equipment	PT	GAME	DFLT
10. The **HOME** team shall provide new match balls for each match.
11. The winning team must report scores to the appropriate database.

ON-COURT RULES

- If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. You should not play a let.
- It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of the first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
- Any "out" or "let" call must be made instantaneously (i.e., made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play); otherwise, the ball continues in play.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
- If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, you should correct your call.
- To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the set score (e.g. 2-1) before starting a game and the game score (e.g. thirty-forty) prior to serving each point.
- If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.

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RULES UPDATES

Please see the NYSPHSAA sports specific webpage for all applicable [USTA 2022 Tennis Rules & Regulations](#)

ELIGIBILITY - *Submit the Sport Verification form by Tues, Oct. 7th.*

NYSPHSAA Handbook

#26 Representation Rule

Minimum Number of Contests To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have completed in **six (6)** school scheduled contests which occurred on **six (6)** different dates during the season. Forfeits do count towards a student meeting the representation rule.

Team Tennis Tournament: An individual is eligible for the team if he/she has been an eligible participant on a team in that sport in that school for a minimum of **six (6)** scheduled contests during the regular season. An eligible participant is an athlete that meets all eligibility requirements and is physically present at the competition regardless of whether they compete.

Individual Tennis Tournament: An individual must also have represented their school in **six (6)** scheduled contests during the season to be eligible. These required contests must occur on **six (6)** different dates and must be conducted prior to the conclusion of the team's regular schedule. The **six (6)** matches for the individual post-season tournament can be a combination of both exhibition and regular matches.

RULES FOR POSTSEASON INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

1. The seeding meeting may consist of the sportchair or section office. These representatives will seed the tournament using UTR, USTA tournament results and rankings, regular season results, etc... to create the singles and doubles draw.
2. Matches will begin at 8am and singles players/doubles teams must show up 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Match times posted on the draw sheet is an approximate start time. Matches may start earlier or later depending on court availability. **Singles players/doubles teams must be prepared to play 2 matches in one day. Players are entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes of rest between matches. Singles/doubles teams not on site location will be defaulted after 10 minutes of scheduled start time.**
3. Players/doubles teams must be able to provide their own transportation to matches and must be accompanied by a school appointed coach. Matches will be played through the evening, weather permitting. In the event of rain, match days/times will be rescheduled. No accommodations will be made once the draw sheet is completed. Players/doubles teams must be available to compete during the entire tournament.
4. All scoring in the sectional tournament will be the same as the regular season. All rounds of the tournament will be best 2 out of 3 sets w/ad, 10pt super-tiebreaker for the 3rd set, with the exception of the semi-finals, finals and 3rd place matches. The regular 12-point tiebreaker will be used when the set reaches 6 games all in singles and doubles.
5. Semis, finals, and 3rd place matches of both the singles and doubles draw will be best 2 out of 3 full sets, with ad. Medals will be awarded for 1st through 4th place.
6. Ten-minute warm-ups, including serves, will be enforced. Toss for servers should occur before warm-ups.
7. The players will call all rounds. The tournament will be organized under the rules set by the **USTA**. Servers should call out the score clearly before each serve.

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RULES FOR POSTSEASON INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT continued

8. Singles and Doubles draw will be at the discretion of the tournament director.
9. Each school will be required to supply two cans of USTA approved tennis balls for each singles player and doubles team entered into the tournament.
10. All tennis players must wear proper tennis attire.
11. **Only players and Board appointed coaches are permitted on court. All players must be accompanied by a school appointed coach! If there is no coach, the player will not be allowed to enter, or continue to play (if a coach leaves). The player will forfeit.**
12. Conference coaching is allowed during changeovers for 90 seconds, on court for two minutes between 1st and 2nd sets, 5 minutes after the 2nd set. There is no break after the first game of each set. In sectional play, when a full 3rd set with ad is played, 10 minutes will be allowed. All players must remain on court for the duration of the match and may leave the court only for a bathroom break after the completion of a set. Players must be accompanied by a school appointed coach.
13. In the event of an injury, all injury and rest rules will be defaulted to the 2022 Friend at Court: USTA Rules and Regulations Handbook.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct including verbal comments or gestures will not be tolerated. Violations of these rules will result in penalties under the point penalty system of the USTA with the exception of the first warning. Matches will be forfeited by offending players.
15. NO substitution of players will be allowed after the tournament draw has been created. All tennis players who enter the sectional tournament are expected to commit to play through all subsequent rounds up to and including the State Tournament. It is the student and school's responsibility to notify the sports chairperson immediately, if an issue arises. If a student is placed in a tournament draw and then withdraws from the tournament, the player's school will be notified and all privileges associated with the tournament will be forfeited. Failure by a student to honor their commitment to compete for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next season's post-season tournaments. A withdrawal from the tournament will also reduce the number of possible entries for a school for the subsequent season. This incident will also be reported to the school administration.
16. A maximum of 3 singles players and 3 doubles teams may be submitted for entry into the tournament.
17. The individual sport verification must be completed and submitted on or by the 1st day of the sectional tournament.
18. Any changes to the tournament are at the discretion of the tournament director and/or section coordinator.

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RULES FOR SECTION 1 TEAM TOURNAMENT

1. Two separate sectional team tournaments (a 2/3 and a 3/4 tournament) will be held. **The 2/3 will consist of 8 teams. The 3/4 tournament will consist of 8 teams.**
2. The 1st and 2nd round of the 2/3 and 3/4 tournament will be held at the higher seed. The semis and finals of the 2/3 tournament and 3/4 tournament will be held at a location to be determined.
3. Matches will be played in ascending order, that is, 4th doubles, followed by 3rd doubles, etc.... Once the number of points has been accumulated to determine the outcome of the match, then all matches will be pulled off the court. The format of the matches is the same as during the course of the season, best 2 out of 3 sets with ad scoring, super-tiebreaker for the 3rd set. In the 2/3 tournament, 2nd doubles, then 1st doubles, then 3rd singles, etc.... Once a team has accumulated 4 points in the 3/4 tournament, then the match is decided and all matches will be called. In the 2/3 tournament, once a team has accumulated 3 points, then the match is decided and all matches will be called.
4. A players/teams must have a UTR profile and season score reports must have been uploaded into the UTR database.
5. Teams may be expected to compete in 2 matches in one day.
6. Teams winning the Section 1 Team Championship are expected to compete in all subsequent rounds with the opportunity to compete in the state final four.

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Division I: 37 total teams

8-Team Postseason Tournament: Format 3 singles/4 doubles

All 4 Teams in League A qualify.

B, C, D and E qualify based on league winning percentage (league winners). In the event that teams have the same league winning percentage; then total points earned (3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss) using overall total record against Section 1 opponents

* League F does not qualify for team tournament

** Rye Var B and Scarsdale Var B do not qualify

Seeding

League A teams will be seeded 1-4, based on league record winning percentage.

Tiebreaker 1) head-to-head results

Tiebreaker 2) overall total points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss) earned by competing against Section I opponents will determine order of seed.

Tiebreaker 3) coin flip

League B, C, D and E will be Seeded 5-8, based on league winning percentage.

Tiebreaker 1) head-to-head results

Tiebreaker 2) overall total points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss) earned by competing against Section I opponents will determine order of seed.

Tiebreaker 3) coin flip

1st round

Seed 1 vs Seed 7 @ higher seed

Seed 2 vs Seed 8 @ higher seed

Seed 3 vs Seed 6 @ higher seed

Seed 4 vs Seed 5 @ higher seed

Semis

Winner 1/7 vs Winner 4/5

Winner 2/8 vs Winner 3/6

Finals

TBD

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Division II: 23 teams

8-Team Postseason Tournament: Format 2 singles/3 doubles

All 5 Teams in League A qualify

League winners in League B, C, and D qualify. League winner is determined by league record.

Tiebreaker for league winner is overall record against Section 1 opponents using total points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss) earned.

Seeding

Teams in League A will be Seeded 1-5, based on league record winning percentage.

Tiebreaker 1) head-to-head results

Tiebreaker 2) overall total points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss) earned by competing against Section I opponents will determine order of seed.

Tiebreaker 3) coin flip

League B, C and D will be Seeded 6-8, based on league record winning percentage.

Tiebreaker 1) head-to-head results

Tiebreaker 2) overall total points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss) earned by competing against Section I opponents will determine order of seed.

Tiebreaker 3) coin flip

1st round

Seed 1 vs Seed 7 @ higher seed

Seed 2 vs Seed 8 @ higher seed

Seed 3 vs Seed 6 @ higher seed

Seed 4 vs Seed 5 @ higher seed

Semis

Winner 1/7 vs Winner 4/5

Winner 2/8 vs Winner 3/6

Finals

TBD

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GIRLS TENNIS 5-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2021-2025

The nine-year schedule for filling the byes for the GIRLS TOURNAMENT will be assigned to five sections per year on a rotation, as listed below, who will each qualify one additional participant for singles and an additional doubles team. The combined total each year will be 15 additional participants to complete the tournament draw in both singles and doubles.

2021

Section 1, 2	singles
Section 3, 4	doubles

2022

Section 5, 6	singles
Section 7, 8	doubles

2023

Section 9, 11	singles
Section 1, 2	doubles

2024

Section 3, 4	singles
Section 5, 6	doubles

2025

Section 7, 8	singles
Section 9, 11	doubles

9/24/2021



VARSIITY LEAGUES & DIVISIONS 2025

Division I (BEDS \geq 600)

League A (3-4) Double Round

Scarsdale
Rye
Mamaroneck
Horace Greeley

League B (3-4) Double Round

Clarkstown No.
Clarkstown So.
No. Rockland
Nyack
Suffern
Tappan Zee

League C (3-4) Double Round

Eastchester
Ursuline
White Plains
Pelham
New Rochelle
Fox Lane
Harrison
John Jay CR

League D (3-4) Double Round

Lakeland
Somers
Walter Panas
Yorktown
Sleepy Hollow
Scarsdale Var B**
Rye Var B**

League E (3-4) Double Round

Arlington
John Jay EF
Roy C Ketcham
Mahopac
Carmel
Brewster

League F* (3-4) Double Round

Ossining
Mount Vernon
Port Chester
East Ramapo
Poughkeepsie

*developmental league - do not qualify for team tournament

**cannot qualify for team tournament

Division II (BEDS \leq 599)

League A 2-3 Double Round

Bronxville
Edgemont
Byram Hills
Blind Brook
Ardsley

League B 2-3 Double Round

Briarcliff
Pleasantville
Rye Neck
Keio
Leffell
Croton-Harmon
Hen Hud

League C 2-3 Double Round

Hastings
Irvington
Pearl River
Albertus Magnus
Nanuet
Dobbs Ferry

League D 2-3 Double Round

Haldane
Westlake
Valhalla
Woodlands
Tuckahoe



JUNIOR VARSITY LEAGUES & DIVISIONS **2025**

Division I (BEDS \geq 600)

League A

3-4

Double Round

Scarsdale
Rye
Horace Greeley JV
Mamaroneck

League B

3-4

Double Round

North Rockland
Clarkstown No.
Clarkstown South
Suffern
Nyack
Tappan Zee

League C

3-4

Double Round

Eastchester
Ursuline
White Plains
Pelham
New Rochelle
Fox Lane
Harrison
Yorktown

League D

3-4

Double Round

Arlington
Somers
Brewster
Sleepy Hollow
Mahopac
Carmel
Hen Hud

Division II (BEDS \leq 599)

League A

2-3

Double Round

Bronxville
Edgemont
Byram Hills
Rye Neck
Ardsley
Blind Brook

League B

2-3

Double Round

Haldane
Westlake
Valhalla
Briarcliff
Croton Harmon
Leffell

League C

2-3

Double Round

Hastings
Irvington
Pearl River
Albertus Magnus
Nanuet



Team Sport Verification

Due: Tues, Oct 7, 2025

Please verify below that each person listed on this roster has met the 6 contest minimum this sports season.

*This form must be submitted to the Sports Chair prior to the seeding meeting.

School _____

Sport _____

Coach _____

(Name, Email, Cell)

Athletes Names	Grade	Athletes Names	Grade
1. _____	_____	12. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	13. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	14. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	15. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	16. _____	_____
6. _____	_____	17. _____	_____
7. _____	_____	18. _____	_____
8. _____	_____	19. _____	_____
9. _____	_____	20. _____	_____
10. _____	_____	21. _____	_____
11. _____	_____	22. _____	_____

Each athlete has participated in at least 6 contests during the regular season, which meets the NYSPHSAA minimum number of contests required.

Coach's Signature/Date

Athletic Director Signature/Date