

## **ARTICLE XLIII - BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS**

### **Section A - Season**

1. The start date will be determined each year by CCS.

### **Section B - Teams, Start of Games, and Length of Periods**

1. There shall be official competition in Varsity.
  - a. JV teams are encouraged.
2. Starting times for matches will be 4:30 p.m., or by AD's mutual consent.

### **Section C - Contest, Scrimmages, and Tournaments**

1. Contest limits, scrimmages, and tournament requirements will follow CCS guidelines and regulations.
2. We will use the League scheduling matrix and will have a 2 year cycle.
3. All postponed games will follow Article XXII, Section B:
  - a. All makeups will be played on the next available date, unless mutually agreed upon by both schools.
4. Play will be governed by USTA rules, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Sickness or injury time out shall be limited to 10 minutes.
  - b. A match will consist of the best two out of three sets:
    - i. No-add scoring for girls,
    - ii. Regular scoring for boys.
  - c. Tie-breakers:
    - i. Both boys and girls will use a 7-point tie-breaker to determine the winner of a set tied at 6 games each;
    - ii. If the tie-breaker is being used to determine the match, then a 10-point tie-breaker will be used (i.e., a complete 3rd set will not be played).
5. A player shall not compete in both singles and doubles during a dual meet.
6. The host school should call the visiting school indicating the number of JV matches, courts available, place of courts, etc.
7. The lineup shall be ready at the time teams arrive on court.
8. In the event of inclement weather or darkness, a rematch will be held as soon as possible. All finished matches will stand in the score. Incomplete matches will begin from the exact score and position on the court at the time the matches were called.
9. Boys and girls competitions shall both consist of 4 singles and three doubles.
10. Play is to be continuous. Coaching is allowed on the exchange of sides, 90 seconds maximum. Coaches must stand on the outside of the fence

### **Section D - Eligibility and Movement of Players**

1. We will adhere to Article XIII of the SCCAL Constitution.
2. Article XIII, Section C & D:

- a. Athletes can move up and down between JV and varsity the entire year, including playing against the same opponent on the same day at both levels, but with the following guidelines:
  - i. No individual athlete may exceed the CCS maximum contests allowed, understanding that playing in a JV and varsity match on the same day counts as two contacts.
  - ii. Coaches must track their student-athletes who move between JV and varsity to ensure that they do not exceed the CCS max contest limit.
  - iii. Seniors may play on sub-varsity teams.
3. Players are to play their singles and doubles matches in order of ability. Ability is determined by a challenge match consisting of a six game set, minimum.
  - a. Position changes can be made only by challenge matches as described above. Ladder changes cannot be made by the whim of the coach or for disciplinary reasons.
  - b. In the event a player cannot play a match due to illness or injury, the coach must move everyone up one position. However, the coach may keep his/her doubles team intact and put a JV player at the lowest position on the singles lineup.

### **Section E - Championship and Individual Champions**

1. The league champion is the team with the best record in SCCAL play. If teams are tied after the SCCAL regular season, they will be declared co-champions.
  - a. A pennant will be awarded to the team finishing 1st in the dual meet schedule.
2. For the SCCAL Championship Singles & Doubles Tournament, all teams will send 1 singles and 1 doubles team.
  - a. The League Champion will send an extra singles and doubles team.
  - b. The 2nd place team will send an extra singles or doubles team.
  - c. The 3rd place team will send one extra team, either doubles or singles, depending on what the 2nd place team sent.
  - d. Seeding for the tournament will be conducted by the coaches prior to the tournament.
    - i. Nominations, discussion, and a majority vote are needed for seeds 1-4.
    - ii. A blind draw will be used for seeds 4-8.
    - iii. If the blind draw results in an opponent playing a teammate in the 1st round, the name will go back in the hat for a redraw.
3. Singles and doubles finals will be held at the conclusion of the season with the type of tournament played to be determined by a consensus of league coaches prior to the start of the season.
4. To be eligible for the singles & doubles tournament, a student must have participated in at least half of the league matches. The only exceptions would be due to:
  - a. Illness, injury, or other serious medical hardship.
  - b. Academic ineligibility which has been corrected.
  - c. A CCS exemption.
5. Individual awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place in singles, and 1st and 2nd place doubles in the SCCAL finals.
6. Team tie-breaker procedure for CCS:

- a. In the event of co-champions, if necessary to determine the CCS representative at the end of the season, a regular 4-3 playoff match will take place at a neutral court at the discretion of the coaches and principals involved.
- b. For all other ties, see the tie-breakers in the SCCAL Policy Section, Automatic Qualifiers.

### **Section F - Officials**

1. Players shall referee their own matches, unless they request an umpire.
2. The home coach shall act as official umpire. The home coach shall greet the visiting team, explain the home court rules and assign players to courts for matches.

### **Section G - Equipment**

1. Wilson Championship balls, or those of equal quality, shall be furnished by the home team.

### **Section H - Order of Events and Scoring**

1. The winning school will report the match results to the media.

### **Section I - Medical Attention**

1. See Article XXIV:
  - a. The coach of every team must have in his/her possession, or in the possession of the school's Athletic Trainer if in attendance, school-district approved medical care permits for every member of his/her team which allows for emergency medical care. This permit must be signed by the appropriate parent or guardian.

### **Section J - Miscellaneous**

1. Each coach has the responsibility to explain the "Colonel's Code of Ethics" to his/her players at the start of the season.