# 2016 Team Tennis Format

## Sport Specific Information

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- Carolyn Bohmiller
## 2016 TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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<td>NORTH (B) Mr. Brian McNally</td>
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<td>Monday, May 30, 2016 at 4:00 PM</td>
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<td>Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 8:30 AM at the MIAA office</td>
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Boys & Girls Finals:

Girls:
Div. I  Wednesday, June 15th
   St. John’s HS

Div. II  Tuesday, June 14th  South at North, Location TBD

Div. III  Wednesday, June 15th
   St. John’s HS

Rain date- Next available date

Boys:
Div. I  Thursday, June 16th
   St. John’s HS or neutral site

Div. II  Tuesday, June 14th  South at North, Location TBD

Div. III  Thursday, June 16th
   St. John’s HS

Rain date- Next available date

STATE BOYS
Ms. Kate Breen

STATE GIRLS
Mr. William Gibbons

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2016 MIAA TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A. Seeding
   1. Seeding will be done according to winning percentage. Western MA will use a modified WALKER SYSTEM for seeding.
   2. **All ties will be broken by head to head result and then by coin toss by the tournament director.**
   3. Teams comprised of both boys and girls will play in the appropriate boys' tournament.

B. Pairing Announcements
   1. Pairings will be posted on the MIAA Tournament Website at [www.miaa.net](http://www.miaa.net).
C. Game Sites
1. All teams involved in the tournament must play at the time, site and date set by the Tournament Director.
2. All rounds through the sectional semi-finals will be played at the home site of the higher seeded team unless site is determined to be unsuitable by the director. The Athletic Director or designee, other than the head coach, will serve as the Site Director and must be available for the duration of the match.
3. Sectional final matches will be played on neutral courts as designated by the Tournament Director.
4. Playing sites shall be outdoors on courts of asphalt or asphalt consistency. Exception: In case of inclement weather the tournament matches, with mutual consent and at the expense of the host team, may be moved indoors.
5. Three or more contiguous courts must be available. Questions of suitability will be determined by the director.

D. Medical - It is the responsibility of each participating school to provide for the first aid/medical needs of its student athletes.

E. Umpires - Umpires assigned by USTA will be used for sectional finals & state semi-finals & finals.

F. Game Management
1. Start Time
   a. Teams are to arrive at designated playing site at least 15 minutes before starting time.
2. Dress - All players must be dressed in the official school uniform to participate. Failure of a player to comply will result in default.
3. Sportsmanship - The Tournament Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to default any player for unsportsmanlike conduct. A warning should precede any disqualification. However, a flagrant violation may result in immediate disqualification. This authority includes matches where officials are assigned.
4. Adverse Conditions or Postponements
   a. In case of rain, only the tournament director/site director or official is responsible for the decision to play or not.
   b. If rain occurs during a match, only the tournament director/site director or official will determine if match is to be continued.
   c. Any decision regarding postponement should be made with player safety as the paramount consideration.
   d. A suspended match shall resume at the exact point of suspension with the exact same line-ups.
   e. Any change in the assigned site or time must be approved by the Tournament Director.
   f. If rain dates have been exhausted and inclement weather occurs, permission to schedule indoor matches must first be obtained from the appropriate Tournament Director or Carolyn Bohmiller at the MIAA office.
   g. PLEASE HELP! Schools are requested to bring extra roll-dri or squeegee(s).

G. Reporting Scores
The coach or athletic director of the winning school must telephone the scores of his/her team match to the Tournament Director upon completion of the match.
H. Game Balls

1. USTA approved *Extra Duty* optic yellow balls must be used. Regular Duty balls are not acceptable.
2. **New balls will be used automatically for any match reaching a third set.**
3. Each home team must bring 10 unopened cans of balls for each match through the sectional semi-finals.
4. Each team must bring 10 unopened cans to neutral site matches.
   a. Coaches should bring extra balls in case of a **three set match**, loss or damage.
   b. The winner of each match receives an **unopened can** to use for the next round. **If two cans have been opened, the winner receives two unopened cans of balls.**

I. School Representative

1. All teams must be accompanied by the high school tennis coach(es) as identified on the official entry form.
2. The coach must remain at the tournament site until the completion of the entire match.
3. **If the high school coach is unable to attend, the principal or athletic director may appoint an official school designee. Notification must be submitted prior to the event or presented to the Tournament Director when the players check in.**
4. The official school designee may coach during the match.
5. Failure to observe these rules will result in the team being defaulted.

J. Game Rules - **IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ AND KNOW THIS INFORMATION.**

1. The rules of tennis as found in the 2015-2017 MIAA Handbook, this tournament format and the USTA rules will be in effect for all matches.
2. **Handbook Rule #80.1.3 must be strictly adhered to:**
   a. 1st and 2nd singles players and doubles teams must be played in order of ability.
   b. Coaches must exchange the tournament line up justification form prior to the match. (see Page 7)
   c. Failure to comply with this rule will result in match forfeiture of that team’s point or points affected by the violation.
   d. All challenge matches must terminate prior to June 2, 2016.
3. **Tie-Break** - The 7 point tie break will be used in all matches when the set score reaches 6-6 in games. **If the team match has been decided and an individual match is still in progress, in the event of split sets, there will be a 3 minute break followed by a first-to-ten-by-two match tie-breaker.**
4. The first three games of each set will be played without a rest except for the change of ends after the first game. **Coaching is allowed by the high school coach during odd game changeovers for one minute except after the first game of each set.** Coaching is also allowed during the 2 minute rest period at the end of each set. Coaches are not allowed on the playing surface.
5. **In accordance with USTA Rules, a wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The second bounce can be in or out of the court boundaries.**
6. The racquet spin is to be conducted before the ten minute warm-up period.
7. **Play**
   a. **USTA rules mandate a ten (10) minute player rest period when a match proceeds to a third set.**
   b. Play is to be continuous. NO player may leave the court until the completion of his/her match. Players are not to leave the playing enclosure during the match except for a bathroom break and/or the mandated ten (10) minute break between the second and third set when applicable.
   c. Injury Time Out - as specified by the MIAA handbook (5 minutes), includes both evaluation and treatment.

8. **Line/Foot Fault Calls**
   a. Complaints concerning line calls or foot faults shall be made by a player to his/her coach.
   b. It shall be the coach’s decision to inform the tournament director of any concerns.
   c. The tournament director shall inform the opposing coach and player of the concerns.
   d. Upon request the tournament director shall provide an arbitrator to monitor the match.
   e. Students should not be asked to watch the lines.

9. **Protest** - will be resolved by the tournament director or his/her designee according to the rules of tennis.

10. **Drone Policy**

    MIAA Drone Policy - Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

    Unless granted special permission by the MIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any MIAA tournament event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the MIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

**SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT Exams:**

A. **Team Tennis Tournament matches may be scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, June 4- the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Team matches may also be scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, June 11th, the day the ACT is being administered. Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website.**

B. **The College Board offers a SAT Program Alternate Test Date Policy. As stated in their published material: “The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:**
   - The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event”

C. **SAT School Day: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director,K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451**
IMPORTANT:

ALL TEAMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACH. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN THE TEAM BEING DEFAULTED.

IF THE HIGH SCHOOL COACH IS UNABLE TO ATTEND, THE PRINCIPAL OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL DESIGNEE. NOTIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE EVENT OR PRESENTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WHEN THE TEAM CHECKS IN.
Tournament Line-up Justification Form (Refer to Rule#80.1.3)

School Name: __________________________

Town: _________________________________

Note: The Team Tournament Format stipulates that no challenge matches be undertaken later than the day before the team tournament starts. It also states that the best two players on the team, as determined by challenge matches, must play at first and second singles, the first singles player being the winner of the most recent challenge match between the two. Of the two doubles teams in the line-up, the first must have defeated the second in the most recent challenge match between the two.

First Singles Player: ___________________

Result of most recent challenge match with second singles player:
Date: ___________ Result: __________________

Result of most recent challenge match with third singles player:
Date: ___________ Result: __________________

Second Singles Player: __________________

History of most recent challenge match with each of the three next best players in the starting line-up, excluding first singles player (listed above):
Date: ___________ Player: __________________ Result: ___________

Date: ___________ Player: __________________ Result: ___________

Date: ___________ Player: __________________ Result: ___________

Third Singles Player: __________________

First Doubles Team: ___________________ and __________________

Result of most recent challenge match with second doubles team:
Date: ___________ Result: __________________

Second Doubles Team: ___________________ and __________________

Coach Name: ___________________ Coach Signature: ___________ Date______

AD Name: ___________________ AD Signature: ___________ Date______
Boys’ and Girls’ Team
Tennis Sportsmanship Award

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to a school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship.

We would like to encourage you to nominate a boys’ or girls’ varsity tennis team for consideration by the MIAA Tennis Committee for recognition at the MIAA Tennis Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Self-nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis Sportsmanship Award:

School: ________________________________ Division: __________________
City/Town: _____________________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________ Fax: _____________________________________________________________________________
Principal: _____________________________________________________________________________
Athletic Director: ___________________________ School Phone: ____________________________
Home Phone: _____________________________________________________________________________
Coach: ___________________________ Home Phone: _____________________________________________________________________________

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!
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________________________________________________________________________________________

Your Name __________________________ Signature __________________________
Position __________________________ School __________________________
Date __________________________ Phone __________________________

Send to: MIAA
Attn: Carolyn Bohmiller
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

Nominations must be received by June 1, 2016