

2011 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER GIRLS TENNIS SINGLES/DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

SINGLES

ENTRY GUIDELINES

The #1 player must have won 60% of the school's scheduled team matches for which she was eligible to compete, at 1st Singles, up to and including Monday, September 26, 2011. Regardless of reason, matches not completed by Monday, September 26, 2011, will not count.

The Seeding Committee will have the discretion of selecting exceptional #2 singles players who are undefeated or ranked or playing behind a potentially seeded #1 to merit consideration. #3 players may merit consideration if they are undefeated and playing behind two potentially seeded players. Schools having #2 or #3 singles players who are selected must duplicate the attached entry form and submit the player's (or players') record(s) and achievements. Payment of entry fee for #2 and #3 players must be made only upon receiving the pairings.

Entry must be submitted for qualifying single players even though the team has qualified.

All Team Tournament rules and regulations apply to the Singles Championship. If there are any questions, you must contact the Singles Tournament Director.

Forward school's Singles Champion Entry Form(Page 6) to the Tournament Director. **Please DO NOT use certified mail.**

Mr. Bob Abbot, Singles Director
86 Laurel Drive
Fair Haven, NJ 07704
Cell Phone: 908-601-3183

NOTE: QUALIFYING SINGLES PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011. PLEASE CHECK WEB SITE FOR PAIRINGS, DIRECTIONS and WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION: **www.njsiaa.org**

Entry Fee

Fourteen dollars (\$14.00). **Entry Fee** must accompany a copy of the Entry Form and be mailed to **NJSIAA**, Tennis Tournament. Please make checks payable to the NJSIAA. **DO NOT SEND CASH. SCHOOL'S NAME MUST APPEAR ON THE CHECK. Vouchers must include a stamped self-addressed envelope.**

DATES AND SITES Tournament will be held on the following dates: It is the responsibility of the coach to check pairings AND weather related information on the NJSIAA website: www.njsiaa.org

1st two (2) rounds - Sunday, October 9 at 9 A.M. at Mercer County Park
2nd two (2) rounds - Saturday, October 15 at 9 A.M. at Mercer County Park

TIME: 9:00 A.M. (Check draw sheet for weather related phone numbers or the NJSIAA web site)

SITE: Mercer County Park, West Windsor, New Jersey

Quarterfinals & Semifinals - Sunday, October 16, 2011 (Rain Date - Oct. 17, 2011)

TIME: To be determined by Tournament Director.

Championships - **DATE, TIME & SITE:** To be determined by Tournament Director.

NOTE: If the matches of October 9 are postponed due to weather conditions, those matches will be played on October 15 at Mercer County Park, West Windsor, New Jersey. If this match is postponed due to weather conditions, the Tournament Director will determine dates, times, and sites.

DOUBLES**ENTRY GUIDELINES**

The team being entered in this tournament must have played together as the # 1 Doubles team in at least 50% of the matches scheduled. (Change for 2011) **As a rule the # 2 Doubles Teams will not be considered for this tournament. However, If there are spaces available in the 64 Team Draw, a second doubles team may be considered for entry. The second doubles team for consideration, must have played 50% of the Teams matches at second doubles, be undefeated and be playing behind a seeded #1 Team. If more teams qualify then there are spaces in the draw, entries will be chose randomly.** The record of the # 1 Doubles position, regardless of who played, must be 70% of the scheduled matches up to and including Monday, September 26, 2011. Regardless of reason, matches not completed by Monday, September 26, 2011 will not count. No substitutions will be permitted.

Entry must be submitted for qualifying doubles teams even though the team has qualified.

All Team Tournament rules and regulations apply to the Doubles Championship. If there are any questions, contact the Tournament Director listed below.

Forward school's Doubles Championship entry form (Page 7) to the Tournament Director. Use this form and change to #2 if submitting a Second Doubles Team(see qualifications above). **Please DO NOT use certified mail.**

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NOTE: QUALIFYING DOUBLES TEAMS MUST SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011.

Entry Fee:

Fourteen dollars (\$14.00) **Entry Fee** must accompany a copy of the Entry Form and be mailed to **NJSIAA**, Tennis Tournament. Please make checks payable to the NJSIAA. **DO NOT SEND CASH. SCHOOL'S NAME MUST APPEAR ON THE CHECK. Vouchers must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.**

DATES AND SITES:

Tournament will be held on the following dates, at Mercer County Park, West Windsor, New Jersey, and Veterans Park, Hamilton, New Jersey.

1st round -	Sunday, October 9 at Noon, Veterans Park
Next two (2) rounds -	Saturday, October 15 at 9:00 AM, Mercer County Park & Noon at Veterans Park
Quarters/Semis -	Sunday, October 16 at 9:00 AM, Mercer County Park
Championship -	Date and time to be determined by the Tournament Director

Pairings will be posted on the NJSIAA website: www.njsiaa.org. Schools will not be called regarding pairings.

GENERAL REGULATIONS**PROTESTS**

Protests based upon an official's judgment, or misinterpretation, or misapplication of the playing rules will not be honored as per NJSIAA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Each school participating in the tournament will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. The athletic emergency procedure of the host school will be in effect during the tournament which should include the establishment of a line of communication for emergent situations.

Some sources of assistance that may be utilized when physicians are not available are certified athletic trainers, emergency medical technicians usually on emergency vehicles, ambulance vehicle with trained personnel, rescue vehicle with trained first-aid personnel and, in some areas, National Guard or Army Reserve Medical personnel assigned to ambulance duty. Schools may also have other school personnel qualified in first-aid, who may be available for duty during activities.

ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE (continued)

- a. Recommended procedures that may be followed in successful emergency care are:
 1. Immediate, on the spot first-aid by an individual with adequate training
 2. Communication System. An available, non-pay telephone with an outside line to contact a physician or ambulance service. Arrangements should be made in advance to insure availability
 3. Emergency care facility. Arrangements should be made, in advance, with staff personnel of local hospital or clinic to notify, in case of emergency, that emergency service is necessary.
 4. Notification. The facility to which the injured player is being transported should be immediately informed of the injured player's status. Necessary personnel and equipment should be available in the facility or physicians, on call, could be notified of the emergency.
 5. Transportation. Ambulance, emergency vehicle, first-aid vehicle or rescue vehicle, with appropriate equipment and personnel may be parked at the field or game site. If this procedure is not feasible, prior arrangements should be made to have equipment on call when an emergency develops. Again, an available, non-pay telephone with an outside line should be immediately available.
 6. Communities without physicians, medical clinics, or hospital service should complete arrangements with medical personnel and hospital facilities in the nearest community where such services are available.
- b. The plan of action specified above should be carefully covered, in advance, with responsibilities of all concerned – trainer, coach, vehicle personnel, school administrators, local police, deputies, or constables – defined. When an emergency does occur, everyone involved can function as an informed, effective team.
- c. Local plans of action to meet emergency situations will vary depending on availability of medical personnel and facilities, the location of the playing field or site and communications. In all cases, the emergency situation plan is best developed through cooperative action of local school personnel, participating professional medical staff and allied groups.

ATTENTION: Principals, Athletic Directors, All Coaches and Officials

RE: **Recommended Precautions Against The Transmission of Blood-Borne Pathogens**

All member schools must provide all coaches with the contents of the NJSIAA Infectious Disease Policy.

The Infectious Disease Policy provides that:

If an individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water.

Note: If any blood gets on an opponent's uniform during competition or a teammate's uniform during practice, it is not necessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete does have an open cut or unskinned area or believes the blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Players and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during or after the game, at the game site or on school property, including chartered busses, shall be suspended from NJSIAA tournament play for one year and be denied any championship rights.

This action was taken in support of the fact that such actions concerning alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are in violation of New Jersey State statutes and will be strictly enforced. **SCHOOLS AND SITE MANAGERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENFORCE THIS STATUTE FOR SPECTATORS ALSO.**

SALES/SOLICITATIONS

Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the 2011/2012 seasons, TEAM IP is the designated vendor.

Solicitations, sale of publications/products, or similar activities are NOT permitted without prior authorization from NJSIAA.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for all levels of State Tournament/Championships. The NJSIAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these Tournaments/Championships and the sale or distribution of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale or distribution of clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the NJSIAA.

EQUIPMENT

Each player/team must supply two (2) cans of new USTA approved tennis balls for her initial meet and the winner will take the unused tennis balls to the next round.

New balls shall be used for the third set. The NJSIAA will provide tennis balls for the FINALS ONLY. The WILSON tennis ball is the official ball. Please bring roll dries if weather is questionable.

RULES AND THE GAME

1. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) playing Rules of Tennis and the 2011/2012 NJSIAA Rules and Regulations shall govern all tournament matches. Roving officials may overrule calls.
2. Tournament Director is empowered to enforce all NJSIAA Rules and Regulations and to disqualify any player for misconduct.
3. No pre-match warm-ups will be permitted at tournament sites; this includes court and/or wall. Any violation will require the offending singles player or doubles team to start the match with a two game penalty deficit.
4. Singles/doubles playing times and sites will be assigned by the Singles/Doubles Championship Director. Players must report to the site, ½ hour before scheduled starting time, and be prepared to play at the designated time.
5. Any school entering a singles or doubles team in the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA and will not be eligible for the following year's Singles/Doubles Tournaments. Once entered, it is the school's responsibility to have the players at the site at the designated time. **Documentation must be provided by the school for injury, illness or unforeseen circumstances. This documentation must be in writing to the NJSIAA Assistant Director and The Tennis Tournament Director. A no show without documentation: underclass-that player will not be allowed to enter the Singles/Doubles Tournament the next year; Senior-that school will not be able to enter any player at THAT POSITION!(singles-singles; doubles-doubles). Clarification for 2011-12.**
6. SINGLES/DOUBLES PLAYERS WILL BE DEFAULTED IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR HIGH SCHOOL COACH OR A CERTIFIED INTERIM COACH APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (PUBLIC) OR PRINCIPAL (PAROCHIAL) COACHES MUST SIGN IN EACH DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT BY THE DESIGNATED TIME OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION BY THE PRINCIPAL MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IF A COACH OTHER THAN THE NAME LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM IS ACCOMPANYING THE PLAYER. All coaches must be familiar with the NJSIAA procedure "Coaches Appointed to Accompany Teams or Individuals to NJSIAA Championships."
7. Players/Coaches entering the tournament WILL NOT be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, graduation, dances, proms, banquets, testing programs, and the like. Coaches must be in attendance for the entire match. If you cannot comply with the dates, do not enter the tournament. Any school withdrawing a player or doubles team after the draw is complete, will not be permitted to enter those players, or players in those positions, the following year. See #5 above.
8. It is **required** that each court have flip cards for players to use in keeping the set score, adjustable net straps and nets in good condition.
9. Players must wear team uniforms. Manufacturers logos may not exceed two and one-half (2 ½ x 2 ½) inches. Team uniform must consist of identical tops or dresses and same color shorts. A player not wearing an appropriate uniform, may NOT participate.
10. Schools are responsible for their transportation costs to all matches.
11. Weather conditions may necessitate some matches to be played at indoor sites. It is requested that schools entering the championships be prepared to play indoors. **SCHOOLS WILL SHARE EXPENSES FOR INDOOR RENTAL CHARGES EXCEPT FOR THE STATE SINGLES/DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.**

Rules and The Game (continued)

12. Coaches must have a copy of these instructions and the NJSIAA Tennis Rules and Regulations available at each match.
13. IF A SEEDED PLAYER(S) MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE SINGLES/DOUBLES TOURNAMENT, RESEEDING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

AWARDS: A cup to the Singles and Doubles Champions and Runners-Up.

Singles:	Doubles:
Silver medals to two (2) Semifinalists	Silver medals to two(2) Semifinalists
Bronze medals to four (4) Quarterfinalists	Bronze medals to four (4) Quarterfinalists
Bronze medals to eight (8) Round of Sixteen	

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE SINGLES/DOUBLES TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

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 Fair Haven, NJ 07704
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NJSIAA BROADCASTING REGULATIONS

- A. The NJSIAA has granted to *The Star-Ledger* and NJ.com the exclusive rights to create, distribute and license programming in connection with NJSIAA tournaments (and NJSIAA sporting events, to the extent the NJSIAA controls or otherwise has authority to grant such rights with regard to NJSIAA sporting events) in all media currently existing or yet to be developed. This includes, without limitation, network and cable television broadcast, pay-per-view television, radio, webcasting, podcasting, distribution over wireless telephone networks, optical media including DVD, and print publications. The foregoing shall not be interpreted to restrict NJSIAA member schools from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution on school property during the regular season NJSIAA sports events, or to restrict the NJSIAA from producing print publications (i.e. programs, or similar) for distribution during post-season NJSIAA tournaments.
- B. Any third party seeking to create, distribute or otherwise exploit programming in connection with the NJSIAA sporting events in any media will be directed to The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, as applicable, by the NJSIAA or the applicable member school. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com shall have the right to enter into license arrangements with such third parties.
- C. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com may create NJSIAA programming for distribution over media outlets owned or controlled by Advance Publications.
- D. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including but not limited to Sections A and B above, NJSIAA member schools may broadcast regular season (but not playoff, post-season tournament, or championship) athletic contests involving such schools' own teams or athletes, without charging any fee to any viewer or other third party, on such schools' own commercial-free television networks, their own commercial-free websites, or on commercial-free public access television channels (provided that any agreement between an NJSIAA member school and a commercial-free public access television channel does not permit sublicense or other use of the telecast).

2011 NJSIAA/STAR LEDGER GIRLS' SINGLES CHAMPION ENTRY FORM

_____ HIGH SCHOOL, SECTION _____, GROUP _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CONFERENCE _____

#1 Singles Player _____ GRADE _____

#1 Singles Player's record up to and including September 26, 2011 must be listed.

Number of Matches played: BY TEAM _____; WON BY PLAYER _____

Percentage of total team matches won _____ (must be at least 60%)

NOTE: ENTRY MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR A #1 SINGLES PLAYER EVEN THOUGH THE TEAM HAS QUALIFIED. DUPLICATE THIS FORM IF YOU WISH THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER AN EXCEPTIONAL #2 PLAYER WHO IS UNDEFEATED OR RANKED OR PLAYING BEHIND A POTENTIALLY SEEDED #1 PLAYER, OR A #3 PLAYER, WHO IS UNDEFEATED, PLAYING BEHIND TWO POTENTIALLY SEEDED PLAYERS.

DO NOT FORWARD ENTRY FEE FOR #2 and #3 SINGLES PLAYERS UNTIL PLAYERS ARE LISTED IN THE PAIRINGS. List Opponents and Scores - PLEASE PRINT/TYPE

(MEETS NOT COMPLETED BY September 26, 2011 WILL NOT COUNT)

DATE	PLAYER	OPPONENT'S SCHOOL	POSITION PLAYED	SCORE	WON	LOST
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2011 TOTAL _____

List #1 Player's previous year's (2010) Record W _____ L _____ and Position _____

List #1 Player's Current Ranking. Specify: USTA, MSTA, ETA, NJTA, etc. _____

ATTENTION: IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN THE SEEDING PROCESS, PLEASE LIST SAME ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

NO STAMPED SIGNATURES ACCEPTABLE

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE: _____

 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE (_____) SCHOOL PHONE (_____) HOME PHONE

 (PRINT/TYPE) COACH/CERTIFIED FACULTY (_____) SCHOOL PHONE (_____) HOME PHONE

MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: Bob Abbot, Singles Tournament Director, 86 Laurel Dr, Fair Haven, NJ 07704. Form must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Mail Entry Fee(\$14) and copy of the Form to NJSIAA. **If a voucher is sent, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included.**

Do not enter Singles Championship unless willing and able to comply with all championship regulations. **DATES/TIMES WILL NOT BE CHANGED BECAUSE OF SAT'S, GRADUATION, PROMS, BANQUETS, SCHOOL TRIPS, AND THE LIKE.**

