

# NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## 2019 NJSIAA BOYS TENNIS SINGLES & DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Important:** Coaches must have a copy of these instructions available at all matches. Copies of these regulations are available at: [www.njsiaa.org/sports/tennis](http://www.njsiaa.org/sports/tennis)

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport including, but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contests permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.

**Boys Singles & Doubles Tournament Director: Jim Forst**

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### Tennis (Sports Specific Regulations)

Section 1 Rules: United States Tennis Association Rules shall govern all NJSIAA matches.

Section 2 Start of Practice: March 1, 2019

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule: April 1, 2019.

Section 4 Transfers: Any transfer on or after April 20, 2019, regardless of whether the transfer was the result of a bona fide change of residence, shall not be eligible to participate in any post season championship competition at the new school. (Article V, Section 4. K. (2).c)

Section 5 Officials: If officials are used for regular season varsity matches they must be registered with the NJSIAA.

Section 6 End of Season: As provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

Section 7 Equipment: Only approved USTA tennis balls shall be used, and new tennis balls must be provided for each match.

Section 8 Meet: An interscholastic meet shall consist of five matches: a First Singles match, a Second Singles match, a Third Singles match, a First Doubles match, and a Second Doubles match. The team winning the majority of the five matches shall be the winner of the meet. A school may not schedule or participate in more than one full meet at the end of a regular school day. Prior unfinished meet make-ups will be allowed.

Section 9 Match: A match shall consist of the best of three sets. The player(s) winning two sets shall be the winner of the match.

1. Participation: No player shall play twice, i.e., a team shall consist of at least seven (7) players.
2. Line-up: Each coach shall establish his/her lineup in writing before the match begins. The coach is obligated to present his/her strongest lineup in proper order at the time and place the match is played. This means that the best player scheduled to play at this time must play 1st Singles, the next best 2nd Singles, and the third best 3rd Singles. From the remaining members of the squad, two doubles teams are to be selected with the stronger doubles combination playing 1st Doubles and the weaker playing 2nd Doubles.
3. Substitution: Substitutions will be permitted after the outcome of the meet has been decided; however, Article 1 shall still apply.
4. Interrupted Play: The continuation of interrupted play shall begin at the exact point it was discontinued with regard to score, the person serving, and the side of the court each player was on.
5. Forfeit: In case of injury to a player, the match shall be forfeited if the player cannot continue after fifteen (15) accumulative minutes.
6. Between Sets: Play shall be continuous from the first service to the completion of the match; except that a three (3) minute rest period shall be permitted between the first and second sets, and a ten (10) minute rest period shall be permitted between the second and third sets.
7. Coaches shall teach and demonstrate the ethics of tennis.
8. Tie-Breaker – Sets which reach a 6-6 score shall be decided by playing a 12-point tie-breaker.

Tennis classifications are sport specific and can be found on the NJSIAA website under tennis.

## **To Qualify for Singles Tournament**

1. The #1 player must have won 60% of the school's scheduled team matches for which he was eligible to compete, at 1st Singles, up to and including Tuesday, April 30, 2019.
2. Regardless of the reason, matches not completed by Tuesday, April 30, 2019, will not count.
3. Flight Tournament Results may be included only if regulation (2 best out of 3 sets or Match Tie Break in lieu of 3rd set) scoring is used and an NJSIAA Certified Tennis Official is present to validate the results.
4. 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.
5. The Seeding Committee will have the discretion of selecting exceptional #3 singles players may merit consideration if they are undefeated and playing behind two potentially seeded players.
6. Wildcard Entry – The wildcard entry is for singles players that have not qualified base on the criteria above but are exceptional players that deserve to be in the tournament. The committee will use the following criteria for the selection of the wildcard entries (if any):
  - County Champion
  - Wins/over qualifying and potentially seeded players
  - Strength of schedule
  - Loses to exceptional players
  - Extenuating circumstances
7. Schools qualifying a #2, #3 or wildcard singles players must copy and complete the attached entry form separately. Payment of the entry fee for the #2, #3 or wildcard players must be made only upon receiving the pairings.

## **Entry Procedure - Singles Tournament**

1. Singles Tournament Entry Form must be scanned and emailed to Tony Maselli, NJSIAA Assistant Director at [tmaselli@njsiaa.org](mailto:tmaselli@njsiaa.org) by noon on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.
2. Entry must be submitted for qualifying single players even though the team has qualified.
3. The NJSIAA will submit your form to Jim Forst, Tournament Director
4. Please do not FAX or MAIL entry forms to the NJSIAA.
5. Do Not Send Entry Fee or Forms to the Tournament Director.

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

## **Entry Fee**

- \$14.00 (per singles player) Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Boys Singles Tennis Tournament)
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
- Please include a copy of the entry form with payment
- DO NOT use certified mail

**DO NOT ENTER** if your School is not able or willing to comply with all tournament regulations. Dates/times will not be changed because of SAT's, graduation, proms, banquets, school trips, and the like.

The Executive Committee of the NJSIAA has ruled that member schools failing to forward tournament forms & fees to the proper address will be excluded from tournament competition in that sport.

### **To Qualify for Doubles Tournament**

1. The record of the # 1 Doubles position, regardless of who played, must be 70% of the scheduled matches up to and including Tuesday, April 30, 2019.
2. Regardless of the reason, matches not completed Tuesday, April 30, 2019 will not count. No substitutions will be permitted.
3. Flight Tournament results may be included only if regulation (2 best out of 3 sets or Match Tie Break in lieu of 3rd set) scoring is used and an NJSIAA Certified Tennis Official is present to validate the results.
4. The team being entered in this tournament must have played together as the # 1 Doubles team in at least 50% of the matches scheduled. As a rule, the # 2 Doubles Teams will not be considered for this tournament.
5. If there are spaces available in the 64 Team Draw, a second doubles team may be considered for entry under the following guidelines:
  - Room in the draw.
  - They must be playing behind a seeded team and/or be a seeded team.
  - The players must play in a specific percentage (50%) of team matches together.
  - If the team has any losses, they must be to other teams being considered as potential seeds.
  - Going undefeated or meeting any or all the criteria, will only guarantee you will be placed in a pool of wildcard teams for consideration.
6. Wildcard Entry – The wildcard entry is for doubles teams that have not qualified based on the criteria above but are exceptional players that deserve to be in the tournament. The committee will use the following criteria for the selection of the wildcard entries (if any):
  - County Champion
  - Wins/over qualifying and potentially seeded players
  - Strength of schedule
  - Loses to exceptional players
  - Extenuating circumstances
7. Schools qualifying as a #2 or wildcard doubles team must copy and complete the attached entry form separately. Payment of the entry fee for the #2 or wildcard doubles team must be made only upon receiving the pairings.

### **Entry Procedure - Doubles Tournament**

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2. Entry must be submitted for qualifying doubles teams even though the team has qualified.
3. The NJSIAA will submit your form to Jim Forst, Tournament Director
4. Please do not FAX or MAIL entry forms to the NJSIAA.
5. Do Not Send Entry Fee or Forms to the Tournament Director.

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

### **Entry Fee**

- \$14.00 (per singles player) Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Boys Singles Tennis Tournament)
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
- Please include a copy of the entry form with payment
- DO NOT use certified mail
- Do not forward entry fee until players are listed in the pairing's brackets.
- Please do not hold up the entry form waiting for payment.

**DO NOT ENTER** if your School is not able or willing to comply with all tournament regulations. Dates/times will not be changed because of SAT's, graduation, proms, banquets, school trips, and the like.

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## Important Dates - Boys Tennis 2019

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>	
First Practice:	March 1, 2019	
First Scrimmage:	March 8, 2019	
Opening Day:	April 1, 2019	
Team Tournament Refusals Due:	April 29, 2019	
Individual Entries Cutoff:	April 30, 2019	
Team Entries Cutoff:	May 1, 2019	
Individual Entries Due (by noon):	May 1, 2019	
Team Entries Due (by noon)	May 2, 2019	
Tournament Seeding:	May 6, 2019	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	June 6, 2019	
<b>Singles &amp; Doubles Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
1st & 2nd Rounds (Singles):	June 1, 2019 (Rain Date 6/2)	Mercer County Park
1st Round (Doubles):	June 1, 2019 (Rain Date 6/2)	Veterans Park
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Rounds (Singles):	June 2, 2019 (Rain Date 6/3)	Mercer County Park
2nd & 3rd Rounds (Doubles):	June 2, 2019 (Rain Date 6/3)	Veterans Park
Quarterfinals:	June 4, 2019 (Rain Date TBA)	Mercer County Park
Semifinals:	June 5, 2019 (Rain Date TBA)	Mercer County Park
Finals:	June 6, 2019 (Rain Date TBA)	Mercer County Park

### Equipment

1. The Wilson tennis ball is the official ball.
2. Each player must supply two (2) cans of new USTA approved tennis balls for the initial match and the winner will take the unused tennis balls to his next round. New balls shall be used for the third set.
3. The NJSIAA will provide tennis balls for the FINALS ONLY.
4. Please bring roll-dries if the weather is questionable.

### Singles Tournament Awards:

A cup to the Singles Champion & Runner-up  
 Silver medals to two (2) Semifinalists  
 Bronze medals to four (4) Quarterfinalists  
 Bronze medals to eight (8) Round of Sixteen

### Doubles Tournament Awards:

A cup to the Doubles Champion & Runner-up  
 Silver medals to two (2) Semifinalists  
 Bronze medals to four (4) Quarterfinals

### Sites & Times

<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
1st & 2nd Rounds (Singles):	June 1 (SAT Date) (Rain Date 6/2)	Mercer County Park	12:00pm*
1st Round (Doubles):	June 1, 2019 (Rain Date 6/2)	Veterans Park	12:00pm*
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Rounds (Singles):	June 2, 2019 (Rain Date 6/3)	Mercer County Park	12:00pm*
2nd & 3rd Rounds (Doubles):	June 2, 2019 (Rain Date 6/3)	Veterans Park	12:00pm*
Quarterfinals:	June 4, 2019 (Rain Date TBA)	Mercer County Park	2:00pm*
Semifinals:	June 5, 2019 (Rain Date TBA)	Mercer County Park	2:00pm*
Finals:	June 6, 2019 (Rain Date TBA)	Mercer County Park	2:00pm*

\* All players must report at least 30 minutes before start time. Pairings brackets will indicate site and time for each player.

### Seeding

The seeding committee will meet on May 6, 2019 to determine the parings. The parings brackets will be posted for review on the NJSIAA website on Friday May 17, 2019. Schools will have the opportunity to review the brackets and check for spelling accuracy before they become official. Brackets will become official on Friday May 24, 2019.

## Weather

All rain dates & times will be determined at a later date. All schools & players should be ready, if rained out, to play on the next day however the official word will come from the tournament director and the NJSIAA as to rain dates and times. Please continue to check the NJSIAA website for date and time changes.

## Tournament Guidelines

1. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) playing rules of tennis and the most current NJSIAA rules and regulations shall govern all tournament matches. Roving officials may overrule calls.
2. Tournament director/official 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. Once entered, it is the school's responsibility to have the players at the site at the designated time.
6. Any school entering a singles or doubles team in the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA.
  - a) A player withdrawing within 48 hours of the published brackets and school verified withdrawal: the school would incur a \$150 fine, no impact on future tournament participation.
  - b) A player withdrawing due to injury: 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. No fine or impact to future participation.
  - c) A no show without documentation or a player withdrawing more than 48 hours after the publication of the brackets: fine of \$150 and if the player is in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade—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).
7. 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 (non-public). 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."
8. 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. Dates/times will not be changed for any reason. If you cannot comply with the dates, do not enter the tournament. Any school withdrawing after the draw is complete, will not be permitted to enter those players, or players in those positions, the following year.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Schools are responsible for their transportation costs to all matches.
12. 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 semifinals and state championship finals.
13. Coaches must have a copy of these instructions and the NJSIAA tennis rules and regulations available at each match.
14. If a seeded player(s) must be withdrawn from the singles/doubles tournament, reseeding will not take place.
15. Singles/doubles tournament only: Due to a change in the recovery rule by the USTA and the NFHS, the rest time between matches for regular 3 set matches is two (2) hours, therefore the NJSIAA singles/doubles tournament will utilize a 10-point match tiebreak instead of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set when players split the first two sets which would require only a one-hour break.

**If there are any questions regarding the singles & doubles tournament, please contact the tournament director.**

## NJSIAA BOYS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION ENTERING (Please Circle One): 1<sup>st</sup> Singles - 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles - 3<sup>rd</sup> Singles - Wildcard

Duplicate this form if you wish the committee to consider an exceptional #2, #3 or wildcard singles player. Qualifying criteria for the selection of these positions is listed on page 2 above.

Number of Matches played: BY TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ WON BY PLAYER \_\_\_\_\_

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

List Opponents and Scores - (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE - Forms will not be accepted if they are not legible)

**Please list all matches up to and including April 30, 2019. Matches completed after April 30, 2019 will not count.**

Date	Player	Opponent's School	Position Played	Score	Won	Lost
<b>FLIGHT (F) Tournament Results</b>					<b>TOTAL</b>	

List Player's previous year's (2018) Record W \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

List Player's current ranking. Specify: USTA, MSTA, ETA, NJTA, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

If you have additional information which will assist the committee in the seeding process, please list on the back of this form. Flight Tournaments do not count for qualification but may be listed to assist with seeding.

ATHLETE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE	SCHOOL PHONE	CELL PHONE
(Print/Type) Coach/Certified Faculty	SCHOOL PHONE	CELL PHONE

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## NJSIAA / USTA BOYS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION ENTERING (Please Circle One): 1<sup>st</sup> Doubles - 2<sup>nd</sup> Doubles - Wildcard**

Duplicate this form if you wish the committee to consider an exceptional #2 doubles team or an exceptional wildcard doubles team. Qualifying criteria for the selection of these positions is listed on page 3 above.

The team must have played together in at least 50% of the scheduled matches to qualify & the position must have won 70% of the matches, regardless of the players. If there are spaces available in the 64 Team Draw, a second doubles team may be considered for entry.

Number of Matches played: BY TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ WON BY THE DOUBLES TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of total team matches won by the doubles position \_\_\_\_\_ (must be at least 70%)

Percentage of team matches played as a pair, by the above-named players \_\_\_\_\_ (must be at least 50%)

List Opponents and Scores - (PLEASE PRINT/TYPE - Forms will not be accepted if they are not legible)

**Please list all matches up to and including April 30, 2019. Matches completed after April 30, 2019 will not count.**

Date	Player 1	Player 2	Opponent's School	Score	Won	Lost	
<b>FLIGHT (F) Tournament Results</b>					<b>TOTAL</b>		

If you have additional information which will assist the committee in the seeding process, please list on the back of this form. Flight Tournaments do not count for qualification but may be listed to assist with seeding.

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ATHLETE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE                      SCHOOL PHONE                      CELL PHONE

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