

# NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

## 2020 NJSIAA GIRLS TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**THE NJSIAA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST, CHANGE OR CANCEL DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS FOR ALL NJSIAA STATE TOURNAMENTS.**

To promote fairness in competition and for the health and safety of student-athletes, no member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures. In addition, schools must follow the sports-specific tournament regulations for each NJSIAA tournament they are entering. The application of this eligibility standard is not appealable. Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament.

**Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of rule modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all matches. Copies of these documents are also available on the NJSIAA website.**

**Girls Team Tennis Tournament Director: Jim Forst**

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### Tennis (Sports Specific Regulations)

Section 1 Rules: United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules along with any NJSIAA tennis rule modifications will govern this tournament & all NJSIAA matches.

Section 2 Start of Practice: August 10, 2020

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule: September 1, 2020.

Section 4 End of Season: As provided for in the NJSIAA Handbook under Program Regulations.

Section 5 Transfers Any transfer on or after September 16, 2020, is not eligible for post-season play.

Section 6 Officials: If officials are used for regular season varsity matches, they must be registered with the NJSIAA.

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 7-point tiebreaker.

## **To Qualify for Team Tournament**

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis
2. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date of September 23, 2020 must be against New Jersey schools.
3. Teams having at least a .500 (50%) winning percentage, regardless of the strength of their schedule in all meets up to and including September 23, 2020 will qualify automatically. Teams may be seeded into the tournament having less than a .500 (50%) record as determined by the Seeding Committee. The Seeding Committee will consider record, winning percentage, strength of schedule and all factors pertinent to the sport. All teams are in the tournament if selected by the seeding committee.
4. Teams not wishing to enter the tournament must notify the NJSIAA by September 23, 2020 using the online opt-out procedure.
5. Any players with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
6. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

## **Entry Procedure**

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in **njschoolsports** by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to [www.njschoolsports.com](http://www.njschoolsports.com) as soon as possible after each contest.
3. All team records will be downloaded from the njschoolsports website on September 24, 2020 at noon. The seeding committee will use this information to seed the tournament. Coaches are reminded that the records must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy by noon on September 24, 2020.
4. If you do not know your school code, or if you encounter problems, please contact [support@njschoolsports.com](mailto:support@njschoolsports.com) or the NJSIAA.
5. The Team Line-up Form and the Challenge Match Form must be scanned and emailed to Tony Maselli at [tmaselli@njsiaa.org](mailto:tmaselli@njsiaa.org) by noon on September 24, 2020.

## **Tournament Seeding**

1. Seeding will determine deadlines for tournament progression, and dates will be posted as soon as the Tennis Committee has completed the pairings on September 28, 2020.
2. Seeding is not done solely by winning percentage; the seeding committee will also consider strength of schedule and all other factors pertinent to the sport.
3. All state tournament rounds will be played on or by the dates designated on the pairings form at the home courts of the higher seeded school as determined by the Seeding Committee.
4. The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting the appropriate assignor to obtain an official for all rounds up to and including the Sectional Finals.

Team Tournament Brackets will be posted by nj.com but will not be official until 12:00pm on September 29, 2020.

## **Entry Fee**

- \$120.00 Payable to the NJSIAA
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- Please reference "Girls Team Tennis Tournament" with payment.
- **DO NOT** use certified mail
- 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 tournament regulations.

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.

## Important Dates - Girls Tennis 2020

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
First Practice:	August 17, 2020	
First Scrimmage:	August 24, 2020	
Opening Day:	September 1, 2020	
Team Tournament Opt-Out Due:	September 23, 2020	
Team & Individuals Entries Cutoff:	September 23, 2020	
Team & Individuals Entries Due (by noon)	September 24, 2020	
Tournament Seeding:	September 28, 2020	
Post-Season Committee Meeting:	October 21, 2020 (1:00pm)	
<u>Team Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1 - Groups 1, 3, & Non-Public A:	September 30, 2020 (Rain Date 10/2)	Higher Seed
Round 1 - Groups 2, 4, & Non-Public B:	October 1, 2020 (Rain Date 10/2)	Higher Seed
Round 2 - Groups 1, 3, & Non-Public A:	October 5, 2020 (Rain Date 10/7)	Higher Seed
Round 2 - Groups 2, 4, & Non-Public B:	October 6, 2020 (Rain Date 10/8)	Higher Seed
Round 3 by:	October 9, 2019 (Rain Date 10/10)	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals by:	October 13, 2019 (Rain Date 10/14)	Higher Seed
State Semifinals (Public & Non-Public):	October 15, 2019 (Rain Date 10/16)	Mercer County Park
Group Finals (Public & Non-Public):	October 15, 2019 (Rain Date 10/16)	Mercer County Park
<u>Team Tournament of Champions</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Quarterfinals:	October 18, 2020	Garden State TC
Semifinals:	October 20, 2020	Garden State TC
Finals:	October 21, 2020	Garden State TC

### Tournament Progression

The tournament starts on September 30<sup>th</sup> and may not begin before that date. We ask schools to follow the tournament schedule above for rounds 1 & 2. However, adjustments may be made based on weather and indoor court availability. The assignor and the NJSIAA must be contacted immediately if there are any adjustments to rounds 1 & 2 because of weather or indoor court availability. Tournament rounds up to and including the sectional finals will not be changed because of SAT's, proms, graduation, banquets, school trips and the like unless both schools agree. If schools cannot agree on a date, the match must be played on the designated date. When inclement weather necessitates playing indoors **on the rain date**, the higher seeded team will designate the site and both schools will share the expenses of the indoor courts up to and including the sectional finals.

### Sectional Assignors

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting the appropriate assignor to obtain an official for all tournament rounds up to and including the sectional finals. The sectional assignor must be notified of all date, time or facility changes immediately. The sectional assignors will make every attempt to have an official at every state tournament match. However, due to the shortage of officials, that may not be possible. It is the school's responsibility to contact the assignor regarding officiating coverage.

North I & North II Sections: Janet Meisner, (973) 222-8802, email: [janetemeisner@gmail.com](mailto:janetemeisner@gmail.com)

Central Sections: Gary Gall, (609) 558-2328, email: [Garygall1955@gmail.com](mailto:Garygall1955@gmail.com)

South Sections: Harry Silverstein, (609) 501-3340, email: [h10is@aol.com](mailto:h10is@aol.com)

## Officials Fees

- Preliminary Round Matches: \$80.00 (Host school pays official)
- Sectional Finals: \$85.00 (Host school pays official)
- State Group Semifinals: NJSIAA will compensate the officials
- State Group Finals: NJSIAA will compensate the officials
- Tournament of Champions: NJSIAA will compensate the officials
  
- If a home match is conducted at a site with less than 5 courts, the officials fee will be the following:
  - Preliminary Round Matches: \$110.00 (Host school pays official)
  - Sectional Finals: \$115.00 (Host school pays official)

## Team Tournament Guidelines

1. All meets must be played on the designated dates. Any modification to the play dates must be agreed upon by both schools and approved by the NJSIAA. Failure to complete a tournament round by the deadline date, absent inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, may result in disqualification.
2. Schools will not be granted a change of date due to conflicts with school trips, dances, banquets, testing programs, proms, graduations, and the like for all tournament rounds after the sectional finals.
3. Recommended starting time is 3:00 PM, however matches may start no later than 4:00 PM.
4. A minimum of three (3) courts must be available for tournament play (5 courts is preferred).
5. If the higher seeded team does not have five (5) courts available, the recommended starting time is 2:00 PM, however matches may start no later than 3:00 PM.
6. All courts utilized must be of regulation size and properly maintained for maximum safety.
7. When inclement weather necessitates playing indoors on the rain date, the higher seeded team will designate the site and both schools will share the expenses of the indoor courts up to and including the sectional finals.
8. Schools are responsible for their transportation costs to all competition and for all supervision in all matches.
9. Responsibility for postponement rests with the person in charge of the playing site. That person must notify both schools in a timely manner prior to match time. Postponed matches must be played the following day (or rain date) unless notified otherwise by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will be responsible for postponement of all matches starting with the State Group Semifinals.
10. Winning schools must enter the results at the [njschoolsports.com](http://njschoolsports.com) website of each match, up to and including the sectional finals immediately following the completion of the match. Failure to comply with the score reporting requirement may result in the offending school being assessed a fine by the NJSIAA.
11. 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 over-rule calls.
12. Players must wear appropriate tennis attire. School issued uniforms are mandatory. Manufacturer's logos may not exceed two and one-half (2 ½" x 2 ½) inches. Tank-tops, cut-off shirts or cut-off pants or any article of clothing that is in poor taste or distracting to an opponent is not considered an appropriate uniform. All team players must wear identical shirts or dresses; all players must wear the same color shorts or skirts. A player not wearing an appropriate uniform, may not participate.
13. Tournament will consist of regular seven (7) player game; team winning three (3) of the five (5) matches will be determined the winner. Remaining matches may be terminated after a team has amassed three (3) points at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
14. Schools willfully breaking tournament rules will forfeit the match in which the violation occurred. In cases of violation of the line-up regulation, the Forfeiture of Matches Provision (#4 c) of the NJSIAA Tennis Regulations will be in effect.
15. The Tournament Director is empowered to enforce all NJSIAA Rules and Regulations and to disqualify any player for misconduct.
16. Any school entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA.
17. Teams must be accompanied by a coach that has been approved by the school district. In the event that a coach or coaches cannot attend, the school must send a chaperone approved by the school district. Coaches must supervise players at all times and must be in attendance for the entire match.
18. Coaches must have a copy of all challenge matches available at each match. Failure to provide the official challenge match form to the opposing coach will result in a one game penalty, plus loss of toss, at each position, implemented before the start of the match.
19. Each coach must be familiar with the most current NJSIAA Tennis Rules and Regulations before starting the season and entering the tournament.
20. Sets which reach a 6-6 score shall be decided by playing a 7-point tiebreaker. See rule below.

## **Tournament Equipment Requirements**

1. The Wilson tennis ball is the official ball.
2. Throughout the tournament, each school must supply five (5) cans of USTA approved tennis balls for their initial meet. The winner will take the unused tennis balls to their next match. New balls shall be used for the third set.
3. Sectional winners must bring the unused tennis balls to the state semifinals.
4. The NJSIAA will provide the tennis balls for the state group and state championships.
5. Roll-dries should be brought to matches if weather may become a problem.
6. It is required that both teams bring score cards to all State Tournament matches.

Violation will require the home/offending team to start the match with a one game penalty at each position. Penalty must be implemented at the start of play at all positions.

## **7-Point Tiebreaker Rule:**

### **Singles:**

**A** serves first point from right court; **B** serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); **A** serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); **B** serves point 6 (left) and after they change ends, point 7 (right); **A** serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); **B** serves points 10 and 11 (left and right); and **A** serves point 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before: **A** serves point 13 (right); **B** serves points 14 and 16 (left and right); etc., until one player establishes a margin of two points. (Changes of ends during a tiebreaker are to be made without any delay other than the 20 seconds allowed between points.) Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with Player **B** to serve first.

### **Doubles:**

Doubles follow the same pattern, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns.

(Assuming **A** & **B** vs **C** & **D**) Player **A** serves first point (right); **C** serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); **B** serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); **D** serves point 6 (left) and after the teams change ends, point 7 (right) ...**A** serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); **C** serves points 10 and 11 (left and right); and **B** serves point 12 (left) ...If points reach 6-all, teams change ends and continue as before: **B** serves point 13 (right); **D** serves points 14 and 16 (left and right); etc., until one team establishes a margin of two points.

Teams change ends for one game to start the next set with team **C** & **D** to serve first.

The set shall be recorded as 7 games.

## **Withdrawal of Player(s)**

Sometimes, when a match has already been decided, a coach elects to withdraw his/her player(s) and forfeit the remaining match or matches; this counts as a loss on the individual player's record.

This is within the rules of the game, although it is not fair, from an ethical point of view, to the opponent. It is more acceptable in tournament play when a team must play another round later that day.

Weather, darkness, travel time, sickness, injury, and mutual consent are examples of justifiable reasons for withdrawing players. To arbitrarily do so, is discourteous and should not be done.

## **Awards**

### **Sectional Champions:**

A team trophy and ten (10) individual medals will be given to the champion in each Group in each Section.

### **State Group Champions:**

A team trophy and ten (10) individual medals will be given to the State Champion in each Group.

### **Tournament of Championships:**

A team trophy and ten (10) individual medals will be given to the State Champion.

### **Sectional Finals**

Sectional Finals will be played on or before October 13 (Rain Date Oct 14). If schools cannot agree on a date, the match must be played on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The Sectional Final is to be played at the site of the higher seed. The Director of Athletics or designee must attend the Sectional Final for purposes of crowd control.

**State Group Semifinals & Group Finals** - Mercer County Park, West Windsor, New Jersey

**A 10 Point Match Tie Breaker will be used for the Group Semi-Finals.**

<b>State Group Semifinals &amp; Group Finals</b>		
North I vs. Central		North II vs. South
Mercer County Park - West Windsor		
October 15 <sup>th</sup> (Rain Date - Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> )		
Groups 1 & 2	Semifinals	9:00am
Groups 3 & 4	Semifinals	11:00am
Non-Public A	Finals	1:00pm
Non-Public B	Finals	1:00pm
Groups 1 & 2	Finals	1:00pm*
Groups 3 & 4	Finals	3:00pm*

\*Times are approximate and may be moved up at discretion of Tournament Director.

**Tournament of Champions** - Garden State Tennis Center, Edison, New Jersey

<b>Tournament of Champions</b>		
Garden State Tennis Center, Edison		
Quarterfinals	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm & 5:00pm*
Semifinals	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm & 2:00pm*
Finals	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00pm*

\*Times are subject to change at discretion of Tournament Director.

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## NJSIAA TEAM TENNIS LINE-UP FORM

School \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby enters a team in this year's NJSIAA Team Tennis Tournament.

**All matches are to be conducted in accordance with the most recent rules and regulations of the NJSIAA. Dates and times will not be changed because of SAT's, proms, graduation, banquets, school trips and the like.**

Players Name (First and Last Name)

<u>Singles</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Record Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Doubles</u>			
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____

If it is necessary to change the submitted Line-up, all changes must be in compliance with the most current NJSIAA Rules and Regulations.

List the names of all coaches approved by the school district (including any volunteer and/or chaperones):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT: Coach/Certified Faculty Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE

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# NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE MATCH FORM

Tournament Entry will not be accepted without submission of Pages 1 & 2 of this form

School:	Year:
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1st Singles		Defeated 2nd Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Best of 3 Sets	Score:		Date

2nd Singles		Defeated 3rd Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Best of 3 Sets	Score:		Date

3rd Singles		Defeated 4th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Best of 3 Sets	Score:		Date

1st Doubles		and	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Defeated 2nd Doubles		and	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

We agree to follow all NJSIAA tennis Rules & regulations throughout the regular & tournament seasons.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach (Print/Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach (Sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director (Print/Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director (sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal/Headmaster (Print/Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal/Headmaster (Sign)

The names of all school approved assistant and volunteer coaches must be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
This form must be duplicated and must be given to the opposing coach before the start of each regular season and all tournament matches. Failure to provide a valid, complete, accurate form to the opposing coach will result in a one game penalty plus loss of toss, at each position. Penalty must be implemented prior to the start of play.

A coach failing to present the challenge match form before the match, must fax or present the form to the opposing school within 24 hours or risk forfeiture of match. If the match was played with an invalid line-up, the result will be forfeiture of all positions from the infraction through second doubles.

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## NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE MATCH FORM (Page 2)

Doubles players must be included in your singles ladder. A minimum of one set is required for the matches listed below. Any player below the top nine, who is participating in the varsity match, must be listed under "additional matches" below, along with challenge information indicating his/her established numerical position on the team singles ladder.

School:	Year:
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4th Singles		Defeated 5th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

5th Singles		Defeated 6th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

6th Singles		Defeated 7th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

7th Singles		Defeated 8th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

8th Singles		Defeated 9th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

9th Singles		Defeated 10th Singles	
	Name/Grade		Name/Grade
Sets Determined by Coach	Score:		Date

Circumstances may cause you to change your line-up. You must be able to show that the new line-up is based on challenge match results in both singles and doubles. This will require you to show challenge match scores not shown in your ladder. For example: 2<sup>nd</sup> singles player is not in line-up. 3<sup>rd</sup> singles moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> singles moves to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your ladder does not show a challenge match between the players now at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> singles. A challenge match is needed and should be listed below. This would only occur if an individual is out of the line-up for 7 or more days, or if a season ending injury occurs. **THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT CHANGE ANY PART OF #4 "LINE-UPS" ON PAGES 1 & 2 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

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