



2021 Girls Tennis Singles & Doubles Tournament

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT's, graduation, and the like.

Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

In all tournaments conducted by the NJSIAA, each member school must compete in its own group and section classification, unless fewer than eight (8) schools qualify. In that case, the Executive Committee may combine one or more groups. When the committee eliminates sectional championships because of an insufficient number of schools qualifying, the State Group Championships will be conducted on a statewide quartile basis or State Championships may be conducted without regard to Groups or Division.

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

The USTA tennis rules along with any NJSIAA tennis rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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Girls Tennis Singles & Doubles Tournament Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
Individuals Entries Cutoff:	September 22, 2021	
Individuals Entries Due (by noon)	September 23, 2021	
Tournament Seeding:	September 27, 2021	
<u>Singles & Doubles Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
1st & 2nd Rounds (Singles):	October 2, 2021 (Rain Date 10/3)	MCP & VP
1st Round (Doubles):	October 2, 2021 (Rain Date 10/3)	Veterans Park
3rd & 4th Rounds (Singles):	October 3, 2021 (Rain Date 10/4)	Mercer County Park
2nd & 3rd Rounds (Doubles):	October 3, 2021 (Rain Date 10/4)	Veterans Park
Quarterfinals:	October 9, 2021 (Rain Date 10/10)	Mercer County Park
Semifinals:	October 10, 2021 (Rain Date 10/11)	Mercer County Park
Finals:	October 16, 2021 (Rain Date 10/17)	Mercer County Park

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

Veterans Park, 2264 Kuser Rd, Hamilton Township, NJ 08690

Mercer County Park, 1668 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor Township, NJ 08550

New for This Year's State Tournament

1. The qualification standards have been changed.
2. The singles tournament draw will consist of the top 128 qualifying singles players.
3. The UTR ranking system will be piloted as the main qualifying and seeding procedure.
4. All singles and doubles entry forms must be completed online via the NJSIAA website.

To Qualify for Singles Tournament

1. The singles tournament draw will consist of the top 128 qualifying singles players.
2. The UTR ranking system will be piloted as the main qualifying procedure.
3. The #1 singles player must have won 60% of the school's scheduled team matches for which they were eligible to compete in, at 1st Singles, up to and including the cutoff date listed above.
4. Regardless of the reason, matches not completed by the cutoff date will not count.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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): UTR ranking, county champion, Wins over qualifying and potentially seeded players, strength of schedule, losses to exceptional players, and possible extenuating circumstances.
9. Schools qualifying a #2, #3 or wildcard singles players must complete a septate entry form for each.

Entry Procedure - Singles Tournament

1. The singles tournament entry form must be completed online via the NJSIAA website by noon on the date listed above.
2. Please do not hold up the entry form waiting for payment.
3. A separate entry forms must be submitted for qualifying singles players regardless of your school's participation in the team tournament.
4. Please do not FAX or MAIL entry forms to the NJSIAA.
5. Do Not Send Entry Fee or Forms to the Tournament Director.

Entry Fee – Singles Tournament

1. \$20.00 (per singles player) Payable to the NJSIAA.
2. Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691
3. **DO NOT** use certified mail
4. Do not forward entry fee until confirmation that your players are listed in the pairing's brackets.

Seeding - Singles Tournament

1. The seeding committee will seed 128 singles players.
2. The committee will use the UTR ranking system as their primary source for seeding.
3. The committee may also consider, county champion, wins over qualifying and potentially seeded players, strength of schedule, losses to exceptional players, and possible extenuating circumstances.
4. The singles tournament brackets will be posted for review on the NJSIAA website on the Wednesday before the start of the singles tournament. Schools will have the opportunity to review the brackets for any issues including checking for spelling errors before they become official.

Singles Brackets will become official at 12:00pm on the Friday before the start of the tournament.

To Qualify for Doubles Tournament

1. The doubles tournament draw will consist of the top 64 qualifying doubles teams.
2. The UTR ranking system will be piloted as the main qualifying procedure.
3. The record of the # 1 Doubles position, regardless of who played, must be 70% of the scheduled matches up to and including the cutoff date.
4. Regardless of the reason, matches not completed by the cutoff date will not count.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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): UTR ranking, county champion, Wins over qualifying and potentially seeded players, strength of schedule, losses to exceptional players, and possible extenuating circumstances.
9. Schools qualifying a #2 or wildcard doubles team must copy and complete the attached entry form separately.

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3. The committee may also consider, county champion, wins over qualifying and potentially seeded players, strength of schedule, losses to exceptional players, and possible extenuating circumstances.
4. The doubles tournament brackets will be posted for review on the NJSIAA website on the Wednesday before the start of the doubles tournament. Schools will have the opportunity to review the brackets for any issues including checking for spelling errors before they become official.

Doubles brackets will become official at 12:00pm on the Friday before the start of the tournament.

Independent Singles Players

An independent player who is enrolled in a NJSIAA member school which does not sponsor an interscholastic tennis program may enter provided the school follows all entry requirements below. A school that does not sponsor a tennis program may enter no more than two independents per season.

To Qualify for Independent Singles Players

1. The singles tournament draw will consist of the top 128 qualifying singles players.
2. The UTR ranking system will qualify all independent singles players.
3. The qualifying UTR score will be determined from the 65th ranked UTR score from the previous year.
4. For the 2021-22 tournament year, the qualifying UTR will be:
 - Girls – 5.71
 - Boys – 7.66

Entry Procedure – Independent Singles Players

1. The singles tournament entry form must be completed online via the NJSIAA website by noon on the date listed above.
2. It is the responsibility of the independent player to enter their scores into the UTR system after every contest.
3. The school must provide verification that player has achieved UTR qualifying scores.
4. The school must accept the responsibility that the player will be accompanied by a certified faculty member approved by the Board of Education or Head of School. Tournament Directors will disqualify any player who is not accompanied by a certified faculty member approved by the Board of Education or Head of School.
5. The certified faculty member must have with them written authority from the school's Principal/Headmaster and remain with the athlete throughout all contests.
6. Any properly appointed "coach" will be subject to all out-of-season practice rules.
7. Do not enter if your school is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.

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Tournament Rules & Information

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 and all 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 the school verified the withdrawal, the school will incur a \$150 fine and no impact on future tournament participation.
 - b) A player withdrawing due to injury, illness or unforeseen circumstances must provide documentation. This documentation must be in writing to the NJSIAA or 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, the school will incur a \$150 fine and the player will not be allowed to enter the singles/doubles tournament the next year.
7. Singles/doubles players will be defaulted if not accompanied by their high school coach or other school personnel appointed by the board of education (public) or principal (non-public).
8. Coaches must sign in each day of the tournament by the designated time of the tournament director.
9. All school personnel other than the coaches listed on the entry form must be familiar with the NJSIAA procedure "coaches appointed to accompany teams or individuals to NJSIAA championships." 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.
10. Coaches and school approved supervising personnel must be in attendance for the entire match.
11. Weather conditions may necessitate some matches to be played indoors. Players must be prepared to play indoors, which may include moving indoors in the middle of a match.
12. Once the brackets become final, no reseeding will take place regardless of any withdrawals.
13. All singles/doubles players scheduled to play two (2) or more matches on a single day will use the 10-point match tiebreak instead of a 3rd set. Players will receive a one (1) hour break between matches.
14. All singles/doubles players scheduled to play one (1) match on a single day will play all three sets to completion.
15. Players must wear appropriate tennis attire. School issued or approved 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 doubles teams must wear matching tennis attire. Any player not wearing an appropriate uniform, may not participate.
16. 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.
17. When possible, schools should bring score cards and roll-dries if the weather is questionable.
18. If there are any questions regarding the singles & doubles tournament, please contact the tournament director.

Tennis Balls

1. The Wilson tennis ball is the official ball.
2. Each player must supply one (1) can of new USTA approved tennis balls for each match and the winner will take the unused can of tennis balls to the next round.
3. If the supplied balls by the two players are different and the players cannot agree on which ball to use, then the Wilson ball will be used and supplied by the NJSIAA if needed.
4. New balls must be used if a third set is required. In the case of a 10-point match tiebreaker instead of a third set, the official will determine if new balls are required.
5. The NJSIAA will supply the balls for the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals.

Singles Tournament Awards:

Championship cup to the singles champion (1).

Runner-up cup to the player defeated at the finals (1).

Silver medals to the two players defeated at the Semifinals (2).

Bronze medals to the four players defeated at the quarterfinals (4).

Bronze medals to the eight players defeated at the round of sixteen (8).

Doubles Tournament Awards:

Championship cups to the doubles team champions (2).

Runner-up cups to the doubles team defeated at the finals (2).

Silver medals to the four players defeated at the Semifinals (4).

Bronze medals to the eight players defeated at the quarterfinals (8).