



2021 Girls Team Tennis Tournament

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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 Team Tournament Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
Team Entries Cutoff:	September 22, 2021	
Team Entries Due (by noon)	September 23, 2021	
Tournament Seeding:	September 27, 2021	
<u>Team Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Round 1 (All Groups):	September 30, 2021 (Rain Date 10/1)	Higher Seed
Round 2 (All Groups):	October 5, 2021 (Rain Date 10/6)	Higher Seed
Round 3 (All Groups):	October 7, 2021 (Rain Date 10/8)	Higher Seed
Sectional Finals:	October 12, 2021 (Rain Date 10/13)	Higher Seed
State Semifinals (All Groups):	October 14, 2021 (Rain Date 10/15)	Mercer County Park
Group Finals (All Groups):	October 14, 2021 (Rain Date 10/15)	Mercer County Park
<u>Team Tournament of Champions</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Quarterfinals:	October 19, 2021	Garden State TC
Semifinals:	October 20, 2021	Garden State TC
Finals:	October 21, 2021	Garden State TC

New for This Year's State Tournament

1. The qualification standards have changed.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used to qualify schools into the 16 team brackets.
3. Team entry form must be completed online via the NJSIAA website. There is no longer an opt-out procedure.

To Qualify for Team Tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the games played on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. The NJSIAA power point system will be used for all **qualifying** purposes.
3. The 16 highest team power point totals from each section and each group will qualify into the tournament.
4. The power point procedure for tennis will be using the top 6 highest power point totals from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played.
5. The residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using the opponent's first 9 games played.
6. If there is a tie in power points for qualification, we will use the current NJSIAA tie breaking procedure.
7. Teams that play less than 6 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff.
8. Games completed after the cutoff date will not count toward the NJSIAA power point calculation, even if the match was started before the cutoff date.
9. Any player 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.
10. 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.com by the start of the season.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
3. Power Points will be downloaded from the njschoolsports.com website on the date listed above at noon. Coaches are reminded that all team information must be totally up to date and checked for accuracy.
4. The team tournament entry form must be completed online by the entry due date above.
5. Do not enter if your School is not able or willing to comply with tournament regulations.

Entry Fee

- \$120.00 Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Tennis Tournament).
- Forward all entry fees to: NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
- **DO NOT** use certified mail

Tournament Seeding

1. The 16 qualifying schools in each group and each section will be initially seeded into the brackets using the NJSIAA power point system. If there is a tie in power points, we will use the current NJSIAA tie breaking procedure.
2. The Seeding Committee will review the brackets and make changes to the seeds based on UTR rankings, record, winning percentage, strength of schedule and any other factors pertinent to the sport if needed.
3. **The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.**

Tournament Rules & Information

1. We ask schools to follow the tournament schedule above. Adjustments may be made based on weather and indoor court availability. Any modification to the play dates must be agreed upon by both schools. The tournament may not start before the round (1) date. The assignors must be contacted immediately if there are any adjustments
2. Recommended starting time is 3:00 PM, however matches may start no later than 4:00 PM.
3. A minimum of three (3) courts must be available for tournament play (5 courts is preferred).
4. If the higher seeded team does not have five (5) courts available, the recommended starting time is 2:00 PM for the fall and 3:00pm for the spring, however matches may start no later than 3:00 PM for the fall and 4:00pm for the spring.
5. All courts utilized must be of regulation size and properly maintained for maximum safety.
6. 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. If the higher seeded team cannot secure a facility (indoors or outdoors) on the rain date and the lower seeded team can, then the location will be moved to the opponent's site.
7. Responsibility for postponing a match shall rest with the host school. It is recommended that the host school should notify their opponent before the departure of the visiting school's busses at the latest.
8. Winning schools must enter the results at the **njschoolsports.com** website of each match, up to and including the sectional finals immediately following the completion of the match.
9. 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 of the NJSIAA Tennis Regulations will be in effect. The Tournament Director is empowered to enforce all NJSIAA Rules and Regulations and to disqualify any player for misconduct.
10. Any team or individual entering the tournament and then withdrawing will be subject to penalties as enforced by the NJSIAA, which could include possible being barred from participating in the tournament the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.
11. Participation by an ineligible player in any game during the regular season results in forfeiture of said game. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the tournament or if an ineligible player participates in a tournament game, said SCHOOL will be disqualified from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place. Schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition.
12. Teams must be accompanied by a coach that has been approved by the school district. If a coach or coaches cannot attend, the school must send a chaperone approved by the school district. Coaches must supervise their players at all times and must be in attendance for the entire match.
13. All Schools must provide adequate supervision to maintain crowd control throughout the tournament.
14. 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.
15. Sets which reach a 6-6 score shall be decided by playing a 7-point tiebreaker. See rule below.
16. 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 at the semifinals, finals and tournament of champions may be terminated after a team has won three (3) points only at the discretion of the tournament director.
17. Up to and including the sectional final, the home team will provide the tennis balls. If a third set is required, new balls shall be used. The NJSIAA will provide the tennis balls for the semifinals, finals and tournament of champions.
18. The Wilson tennis ball is the official ball and will be used for the semifinals, finals and tournament of champions.
19. When possible, both teams should bring score cards and roll-dries for the semifinals, finals and tournament of champions.
20. Players must wear appropriate tennis attire. School issued/approved uniforms are mandatory. Manufacturer's logos may not to 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.

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, which will count 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. Facility restrictions, 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.

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.

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 Assignors

The higher seeded school is responsible for contacting the appropriate assignor listed below 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

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

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

Officials Fees

- Host school pays the official fees.
- All rounds up to and including the sectionals finals, the officials fee will be \$85.
- If a match is conducted at a site with less than 5 courts, the officials fee will be \$115.
- State Group Semifinals: NJSIAA will compensate the officials
- State Group Finals: NJSIAA will compensate the officials
- Tournament of Champions: NJSIAA will compensate the officials

State Group Semifinals & Group Finals

Mercer County Park, 1668 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, New Jersey 08550

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

State Group Semifinals & Group Finals		
North I vs. Central	North II vs. South	
Mercer County Park - West Windsor, New Jersey		
October 14 th (Rain Date - October 15 th)		
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, 1 Villa Dr, Edison, NJ 08820

Tournament of Champions		
Mercer County Park - West Windsor, New Jersey		
Quarterfinals	October 19	2:00pm*
Semifinals	October 20	2:00pm*
Finals	October 21	2:00pm*

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

Tennis Power Point Calculation Procedure 2021:

The NJSIAA power point system will be used for all qualifying and seeding purposes of the team tennis tournament. The power point procedure for tennis will be using the top 6 highest power point totals from opening day to the cutoff date regardless of how many games were played. The residual points earned from opponents will be calculated using your opponent's first 9 games played. Teams that play less than 6 games will still be eligible for the tournament based on their total power points achieved at the cutoff. Games completed after the cutoff date will not count even if they were started before the cutoff date.

1. **Quality Points** - Each school will receive the following quality points for each win:

- Win = 6 points
- Lose = 0 points

2. **Group Points** - Each school will receive the following group points from a team they defeated:

- Group IV = 4 points
- Group III = 3 points
- Group II = 2 points
- Group I = 1 points

3. **Residual Points** – Each school will receive residual points from one of the two categories below based on the result of the game.

- a. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they defeated. For each win your opponent has from the first 9 games, you will receive the following:
 - Win = 3 points
 - Lose = 0 points
- b. Each school will receive the following residual points from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first 9 games, you will receive the following:
 - Win = 1 points
 - Lose = 0 points

Tie Breaking Procedure:

1. Head-to-Head Competition (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
2. Common Opponent(s) (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
3. Winning % (any games up to and including the cutoff date)
4. Total number of residual points earned from the first 9 games.
5. Coin Toss