

Girls Tennis (Fall) Regular Season Rules 2022-2023

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

Section 2 Start of Practice Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 6.

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 8.

Section 4 End of Season Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

Section 5 Transfers A student who transfers after the NJSIAA Competition Start Date for each sport, regardless of whether the transfer was the result of a bona fide change of residence, shall be ineligible to participate in any post-season championship competition at the new school.

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

Section 7 N/A

Section 8 Maximum Contests A member school may play twenty-four (24) regular scheduled contests, plus one (1) county or league/conference tournament, plus the State Tournament, including regular season interschool scrimmages and postponed contests from the start of the Regular Schedule to the end of the State Tournament.

Sections 9-12 N/A

Section 13 Contest An interscholastic contest 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 contest. A school may not schedule or participate in more than one full contest at the end of a regular school day. Prior unfinished contest make-ups will be allowed.

Section 14 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.

Sections 15-17 N/A

Section 18 Equipment Only approved USTA tennis balls shall be used, and new tennis balls must be provided for each match.