



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Tennis tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Tennis Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Tennis Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. **Officials are performing a disservice to the sport and to the competitors when they allow unsportsmanlike acts to go uncalled because they do not want to appear to be "too picky" or that they feel that a regular season competition is not a "major match". As a result when those athletes do participate in a major competition (such as at the regional or state tournament level) and the rules are enforced according to the code, players then think that the rules are unfair or that they should have received a warning, etc. since "no one had made that call during the regular season".**

All too often, parents, coaches, and the media argue that the rules are inconsistently applied and that officials do not consider how devastating it is to disqualify an athlete during a major meet for an unsportsmanlike action such as a thrown racket or other similar offense. Certainly, this should not happen. Although such disqualifications are ultimately the responsibility of the athlete and coach, meet officials who have tolerated those illegal actions during the regular season also must assume some of the responsibility.

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

- A. General Policies
 - 1. Players must wear school-issued or school-approved proper tennis attire or the official tournament T-shirt in all matches. **Uniforms must cover a player's midriff when standing. PENALTY: default.**
 - a. Proper attire includes an unaltered shirt with a school name or logo. Uniform bottoms should be neat and appropriate to the tennis setting. Uniforms must cover a player's midriff when standing.
 - b. Dressing facilities will be available at the state tournament site.

2014 TENNIS TIME LINE		
Mar. 21.....First play date	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE MEETS
	May 17Completion Deadline	May 23Preliminary rounds
	May 19Entry Deadline	May 24Semifinals and Finals
	May 20Organization meeting for state tournament	Jun 20.....Reimbursement request due

2. It is mandatory that contestants are accompanied to the tournament by the official coach or an authorized school representative.
 - a. **A letter of authorization on official letterhead signed by the principal, athletic director or school system designated representative must be presented.**
 - b. **There shall be a limit of two coaches per school.**
 - c. Penalty: default.
3. Coaching is permissible during the 90 second changeover period as long as it does not interfere with continuous play (USTA Rule-29 regarding Continuous Play). Coaching is limited to the high school coach. A coach will NOT be permitted on the courts except in case of injury.
4. The Tennis Committee considers entry on the draw sheet as the start of play. Participants who withdraw after such entry are subject to penalties under MPSSAA Bylaw .07C(11).

B. Playing Rules

1. Play will be by USTA rules, except where noted.
2. Any player found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct during tournament play will be penalized according to the following point penalty system:
 - a. Tardiness penalties (assessed by the Site Director: refer to current "Friend at Court.")
 - (1) One game for each five minutes or fraction thereof that contestant(s) is late.
 - (2) Forfeit by contestant(s) arriving 15 minutes after the official calling of the match.
 - b. Failure to commence play after expiration of established warm-up period:
 - 1st offense - Warning
 - 2nd offense - one point
 - c. Violation of Rule 30 (continuousness of play)
 - 1st offense - Warning
 - 2nd & subsequent offenses - one point
 - d. Unsportsmanlike acts
 - 1st offense - one point
 - 2nd offense - Disqualification
 - e. **Profane, threatening or obscene language, gestures, or taunting**
 - 1st offense - one point
 - 2nd offense - Disqualification
3. If a penalty point has been assessed due to an infraction of 2.d or 2.e above, a subsequent infraction of 2.d or 2.e will result in disqualification.

NOTE: All penalty points will be assessed by a tournament official including committee members. Warnings and penalty points will be recorded immediately at the scorer's table.

4. **USTA guidelines will be employed in case of extreme heat conditions.**

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. Each tournament shall be set up on a similar basis with no player allowed to participate in more than one event.
2. Each region tournament director should submit the full name, grade, the school represented, season record, and coach's name for each Region winner through 4th place to **Jim Rodriguez**.

The region tournament director must send entries **by email to Jim Rodriguez (jarodri@carrollk12.org)** by noon on Monday, May 19.

3. Each region will submit two entries/teams to the state tournament in each of the following categories, for a total of 16 different players:

Boys singles	Girls singles
Boys doubles teams	Girls doubles teams
Mixed doubles teams	

- a. Doubles teams must be composed of players from the same school.
 - b. If either player on a doubles team is unable to compete, that entry is disqualified.
 - c. The next alternate team **from the same region** will fill the position.
4. The region champion will receive a team plaque and individual certificates.

REGION	TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	SITE
I	Shaun Weiss	Baker Park, Frederick
II	Judy Rothstein	Walter Johnson HS
III	Robert Vincent	Watkins Regional Park
IV	Grant Yinger/Rob Martin	North Point HS (Day 1) & Annapolis HS (Day 2)
V	Chip Boling/Linda Mitchell-Holmes	Druid Hill Park (Day1) & Wilde Lake Tennis Club (Day2)
VI	Fletcher Burchett	CCBC—Essex Campus
VII	Fran McCullin/Barry Angel	Carroll County
VIII	Dennis White	J.G. Busick Tennis Center & Hyatt Resort Courts
Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the tennis page of mpssaa.org.		

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The seeding committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at the Howard H.S.
2. If any player is unable to attend the tournament, the region may send an alternate. Alternates will be selected according to their final standings in region competition. Therefore, each region shall determine third and fourth places. In the event an entered player cannot participate, it is the responsibility of that player's coach to contact the region director by 6 p.m. of the day before the first round of the state tournament so that an alternate may be notified. Region directors must inform the state committee director by 10 p.m. of the substitution.
3. The 2014 tournament will be held at the University of Maryland College Park campus on May 23-24. **Please refer to the Fan Focus on MPSSAA.org.**

Directions to the University of Maryland Cole Field House Courts

From I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway): Exit Route 1 South. Go one mile and bear right onto MD. Rte. 193 West (University Blvd.) - Go to second light; turn left on Stadium Drive. Bear right on Valley Drive at 1st traffic circle. Go beyond construction on left. Tennis courts will be to the left next to Cole field House. Please adhere to all campus parking regulations.

4. Schedule
 - a. Friday, May 23 - 10 a.m. (Two preliminary rounds)
 - b. Saturday, May 24 - 10 a.m. (Semifinals); 1 p.m. (Consolations and Finals: weather permitting)
5. The format shall be single elimination (two out of three 6-game sets with a 7-point tiebreaker at 6 games all). A five minute break between the second and third set will be allowed, if requested.
6. Players and coaches are to report to the tennis courts by 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 23. Adjustments in **starting times, order of play, and court assignments may only be made by the tournament committee.**
7. In the event of a postponement, the state tournament committee reserves the right to modify play or cancel for the day.
 - a. In the event of a postponement and indoor courts are unavailable, all Friday matches will be played on Saturday. If it is raining Saturday and indoor courts are unavailable, play will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 26.
 - b. If additional matches are required, play shall begin at 9 a.m. the next day, weather permitting.
8. USTA officials will be on site.

B. General Policies

1. USTA-approved Wilson tennis balls will be used.
2. Singles sticks will be used in all singles matches.
3. Awards will be presented following the finals for 1st through 4th place in each category. In addition, a Region Tennis Champion will be declared. Points are awarded for each category in the following manner:

6 points —Champion	3 points —3rd Place	1 point —Quarterfinalist
4 points —Finalist	2 points —4th Place	

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2014 TENNIS REGIONS

REGION I

Allegany - All
 Fort Hill - All
 Mountain Ridge - All
 Brunswick - Fre
 Catoctin - Fre
 Frederick - Fre
 Thomas Johnson - Fre
 Linganore - Fre
 Middletown - Fre
 Oakdale - Fre
 Tuscarora - Fre
 Walkersville - Fre
 Urbana - Fre
 Northern - Gar
 Southern - Gar
 Boonsboro - Was
 Clear Spring - Was
 Hancock - Was
 North Hagerstown - Was
 Smithsburg - Was
 South Hagerstown - Was
 Williamsport - Was

REGION II

Bethesda-CC - Mtg
 Blair - Mtg
 Blake - Mtg
 Clarksburg - Mtg
 Churchill - Mtg
 Damascus - Mtg
 Einstein - Mtg
 Gaithersburg - Mtg
 Walter Johnson - Mtg
 Kennedy - Mtg
 Magruder - Mtg
 R. Montgomery - Mtg
 Northwest - Mtg
 Northwood - Mtg
 Paint Branch - Mtg
 Poolesville - Mtg
 Quince Orchard - Mtg
 Rockville - Mtg
 Seneca Valley - Mtg
 Sherwood - Mtg
 Springbrook - Mtg
 Watkins Mill - Mtg
 Wheaton - Mtg
 Whitman - Mtg
 Wootton - Mtg

REGION III

Bladensburg - PG
 Bowie - PG
 Central - PG
 Crossland - PG
 Douglass - PG
 DuVal - PG
 Fairmont Heights - PG
 Flowers - PG
 Forestville - PG
 Friendly - PG
 Gwynn Park - PG
 High Point - PG
 Largo - PG
 Laurel - PG
 Northwestern - PG
 Oxon Hill - PG
 Parkdale - PG
 Potomac - PG
 E. Roosevelt - PG
 Suitland - PG
 Surrattsville - PG
 Wise - PG

REGION IV

Annapolis - AA
 Arundel - AA
 Broadneck - AA
 Chesapeake - AA
 Glen Burnie - AA
 Meade - AA
 North County - AA
 Northeast - AA
 Old Mill - AA
 Severna Park - AA
 South River - AA
 Southern - AA
 Calvert - Cal
 Huntingtown - Cal
 Northern - Cal
 Patuxent - Cal
 La Plata - Cha
 Lackey - Cha
 McDonough - Cha
 North Point—Cha
 Thomas Stone - Cha
 Westlake - Cha
 Chopticon - StM
 Great Mills - StM
 Leonardtown - StM

REGION V

BDJ/Civitas - Balt
 City College - Balt
 W.E.B. Du Bois - Balt
 Digital Harbor - Balt
 Dunbar - Balt
 Edmondson - Balt
 Forest Park - Balt
 Reginald Lewis - Balt
 Maritime Academy - Balt
 Mergenthaler - Balt
 Northwestern - Balt
 Patterson - Balt
 Polytechnic - Balt
 Western - Balt
 Atholton - How
 Centennial - How
 Glenelg - How
 Hammond - How
 Howard - How
 Long Reach - How
 Marriotts Ridge—How
 Mt. Hebron - How
 Oakland Mills - How
 Reservoir - How
 River Hill - How
 Wilde Lake - How

REGION VI

Carver A&T - Balt Co
 Catonsville - Balt Co
 Chesapeake - Balt Co
 Dulaney - Balt Co
 Dundalk - Balt Co
 Eastern Tech - Balt Co
 Franklin - Balt Co
 Hereford - Balt Co
 Kenwood - Balt Co
 Lansdowne - Balt Co
 Loch Raven - Balt Co
 Milford Mill - Balt Co
 New Town - Balt Co
 Overlea - Balt Co
 Owings Mills - Balt Co
 Parkville - Balt Co
 Paptapsco - Balt Co
 Perry Hall - Balt Co
 Pikesville - Balt Co
 Randallstown - Balt Co
 Sparrows Point - Balt Co
 Towson - Balt Co
 Western Tech - Balt Co
 Woodlawn - Balt Co

REGION VII

Century - Car
 Francis Scott Key - Car
 Liberty - Car
 Manchester Valley - Car
 North Carroll - Car
 South Carroll - Car
 Westminster - Car
 Winters Mill - Car
 Bohemia Manor - Cec
 Elkton - Cec
 North East - Cec
 Perryville - Cec
 Rising Sun - Cec
 Aberdeen - Hfd
 Bel Air - Hfd
 Edgewood - Hfd
 Fallston - Hfd
 Harford Tech - Hfd
 Havre de Grace - Hfd
 Joppatowne - Hfd
 North Harford - Hfd
 Patterson Mill - Hfd
 C. M. Wright - Hfd

REGION VIII

North Caroline - Cln
 Col. Richardson - Cln
 Cambridge/SD - Dor
 North Dorchester - Dor
 Kent County - K
 Crisfield - Som
 Washington - Som
 Kent Island - QA
 Queen Annes - QA
 Easton - Tal
 St. Michaels - Tal
 J. M. Bennett - Wic
 Mardela - Wic
 Parkside - Wic
 Wicomico - Wic
 Stephen Decatur - Wor
 Pocomoke - Wor
 Snow Hill - Wor

PROJECTED MPSSAA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2015 - May 22-23

2016 - May 27-28

2017 - May 26-27