



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.

2013 TENNIS TIME LINE		
Mar. 21.....First play date	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE MEETS
	May 18 .....Completion Deadline	May 24 .....Preliminary rounds
	May 20 .....Entry Deadline	May 25 .....Semifinals and Finals
	May 21 .....Organization 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 Russell Maxwell (W) 301-918-8600; Fax -301-918-8606; (H) 410-672-5473.

The region tournament director must send entries **by email to russell.maxwell@pgcps.org** by noon on Monday, May 20.

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	.....Russ Maxwell/Darrielle Flemming-Robinson..	Watkins Regional Park
IV	.....Grant Yinger/Rob Martin.....	North Point HS (Day 1) & Annapolis HS (Day 2)
V	.....Chip Boling/William Buckless.....	Druid Hill Park (Day1) & Wilde Lake Tennis Club (Day2)
VI	.....Fletcher Burchett.....	CCBC—Essex Campus
VII	.....Fran McCullin/Barry Angel	Harford Community College
VIII	.....TBA	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 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 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 2013 tournament will be held at the University of Maryland College Park campus on May 24-25. **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 24 - 10 a.m. (Two preliminary rounds)
 - b. Saturday, May 25 - 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 24. Adjustments in starting times may be made at the meeting of the seeding 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 27.
 - 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

2012–2013 STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 4	Robert MartinHuntingtown	410-414-7036		301-751-3383
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Email addresses for committee members can be found on the tennis page of mpssaa.org.



2013 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

2014 - May 23-24

2015 - May 22-23

2016 - May 27-28