



TENNIS BY-LAWS – GIRLS/BOYS

ARTICLE I

GOVERNING RULES

- SECTION 1** The current edition of the USTA guide shall be the official rulebook for the league matches.
(An exception will be the 3-point penalty system, Art V, Sec 3, 3.3)

ARTICLE II

CLASSIFICATIONS

- SECTION 1** Competition is authorized at the Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) levels. A-school must first field a varsity team before fielding a JV Team.
- 1.1 If a school does not play a Varsity team match, they must forfeit the JV team match, but play the match.
- SECTION 2** Players rank will be determined as a singles and doubles ladder. Coaches will rank players according to current ability.
- 2.1 At both levels there shall be four (4) singles and three (3) doubles.
- 2.2 Classifications will change according to most recent results of challenge matches. All challenge matches must be a minimum of an eight (8) game pro set.
- 2.3 All Varsity coaches must submit a full team player roster listed in order by strength on the singles level. This submission will occur twice throughout the season, once before league begins and game (7) of league. Until this roster is presented to all division mates, matches will be declared a loss no matter what the score after playing. The list must also be sent to Division chairperson in duplicate. A copy of line ups must be kept with coaches at all matches. At matches COACHES will exchange line-ups. If line-ups do not match ladder in play corrections should be made BEFORE match begins. After the match questions will not be appropriate.
- 2.4 Sum of the doubles team cannot be lower than the rank of the individual players.
(CCS Tennis Bylaw Section 8 B #1)
- 2.5 If one singles competitor is absent on the day of the match, his/her replacement does not have to be a member of a doubles team.
- 2.6 Singles spots 1-3 may not be forfeited. If a player who normally plays in singles position 1 through 4 is absent on the day of a match that position must be filled by the

next player on the ladder, with every singles player below moving up one position. Doubles teams do not have to be broken up to fill an open singles spot. Number four singles may be forfeited if the team only carries nine (9) players.

ARTICLE III

PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS

- SECTION 1** Game limitation is twenty-four (24) matches per CCS regulations. Tournaments count as three to five (3-5) matches (check with CCS), with the exception of single elimination tournaments. If a team loses in the first round of a single elimination tournament, that team is credited with one (1) match played.
- SECTION 2** Rained out matches, acts of nature or matches that cannot be completed because of the onset of darkness/rain shall be re-scheduled or re-started within ten (10) days when possible.
- 2.1 The intervening Saturday shall be included.
- 2.2 Unfinished sets of individual matches shall be played from the point at which they stopped.
- 2.3 Once rosters have been exchanged, line-ups are cemented. Should rain delay a match in its entirety before any points have been played, then new line-ups may be used on the new date of play.
- 2.4 If two teams do not play a league match, both teams record the match as a loss.
- SECTION 3** Tuesday and Thursday are the preferred days of the week for league matches so players and teams will be free to enter tournaments on weekends.
- SECTION 4** There shall be a double round-robin league schedule for Varsity & JV teams when there are (8 or fewer teams in the division/league).

ARTICLE IV

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- SECTION 1** Senior girls and boys are not to participate on the Junior Varsity. Once a player participates in (3) varsity league/division games they must remain a Varsity player
- SECTION 2** A player shall not compete in both singles and doubles during a dual meet or in the league tournament.

ARTICLE V

MATCH MANAGEMENT

- SECTION 1** Starting times: All league matches will begin promptly at 4:00 pm depending on court availability. Special circumstances (limited courts or rented courts) shall be discussed at the opening-of-season meeting and printed in the minutes of that meeting.
- 1.1 Coach must adhere to posted starting times. A USTA game penalty will be used for late players – one game per five minutes late up to three (3) games. Warm-up time is also lost. Default must be called after a 15-minute delay of a court-available match.

SECTION 2 All warm-ups shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.

SECTION 3 Both coaches shall officiate. (Only one (1) coach to coach per school team.)

- 3.1 The home coach shall greet all players, explain the home court rules, and assign players to court for matches.
- 3.2 Foot fault and conduct violations shall be called to the attention of both coaches.
- 3.3 Coaches shall mutually enforce USTA warnings and penalties and are responsible for their administration. The point penalty system; 1) Warning, 2) Loss of point, and 3) Loss of match, will be enforced for inappropriate behavior on the court.
- 3.4 Obvious deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct will be handled by USTA point penalty system. Social media interaction between players can result in school consequences.
- 3.5 Coaching is not restricted as long as it doesn't interfere with the flow of the match. Coaching can occur anywhere as long as it is agreeable to both coaches. Coaches and players are the only ones allowed on the court during the match. Coaches employed by district can advise athletes. Others and parents should stay outside fences and not have conversations with athletes during matches and between points.
- 3.6 The USTA point system will be called on the player/players of a team if a parent or another member of the team interferes (coaching, questioning calls, scoring, etc.)
- 3.7 **All players must be outfitted for all league matches in matching team uniforms of their school colors (shirt and skirt) or (shirt and shorts). Failure to meet this requirement will result in the forfeiture of individual matches where the rule is not met. (religious covering and transgender elements will be tolerated). Coaches are to address this with the opposing coach at site and call it out directly at introductions. Forfeits are declared before match begins. Coaches MUST be responsible to adhere to forfeits before match.**
- 3.8 In the event of a referee being called: 1 player from each team will stand at the same net pole and make the call if asked. If the refs disagree, the original call will stand.

SECTION 4 Home coach will keep courts adjacent to matches vacant until the match is completed.

SECTION 5 Players shall not leave the court during the match except:

- 6.1 For a five (5) minute rest between the second and third sets.
- 6.2 For an emergency (i.e. illness, injury, restroom). The need for water is not an emergency.
- 6.3 Warnings about leaving courts will be given in the pre match instruction. The point penalty system will be used for infractions—warning for first infraction one point for second infraction; match for third infraction. Leaving the court for water or racquet replacement are both considered infractions. Coaches are expected to plan ahead for these problems.

SECTION 6 Individual matches shall be automatically defaulted in the event of injury or illness incurred during a match. Players, in the case of a contact injury, have three (3) minutes to resume play, otherwise play is continuous. A player is allowed only one (1) injury timeout per match.

- SECTION 7** **Coaches must be present and remain at all matches and at the league games/tournament.** Players may not be placed on the courts until an authorized school official is present. Coaches must stay at court area during all competition of their players.
- SECTION 8** The Varsity and JV teams will play at opposite sites.
- SECTION 9** Each Varsity and JV match will be the best of two (2) out of three (3) sets. **Boys and Girls- Scoring will be the singles and doubles scoring as established by CCS singles matches.** In Varsity and JV matches a third set will be the established scoring set by CCS scoring.
- Section 10** The home coach at each site calls the rainout to determine if the match is to be played that day because of rain. Visiting coach should not assume the courts are not playable based on their area weather. Home coach will call at least one-half hour before to call OFF match.

ARTICLE VI

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP - CCS REPRESENTATION

- SECTION 1** The 1st place winner from each division (De Anza and El Camino) will represent the league in the team division for CCS.
- 1.1 In case of a tie for 1st place at the Varsity level, (8 or less teams per division) the teams shall be considered co-champions. If the two teams split head to head during a regular season, a playoff shall be held at a neutral site agreed upon by the two coaches to determine the CCS Representative.
- 1.2 If teams tied in Varsity standings other than Championship/AQ the following will be utilized- head to head, then matches won, then sets, then blind draw for submission to CCS. As team(s) drop back to beginning steps.
- 1.3 In case of a tie for the 1st place at the JV level, the teams involved will be considered co-champions.
- 1.4 A reminder when CCS selection occurs for at-large. If the last team selected is a El Camino division team and the **next** team placed in the CCS tournament would be a DeAnza team the El Camino team will need to back away and let DeAnza in, unless they played head to head during the practice season or tournament events and the El Camino won. SCVAL Constitution rule.

ARTICLE VII

LEAGUE/DIVISION INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

- SECTION 1** A division tournament will be played to determine the individual champions to advance to the CCS singles and doubles tournament.
- 1.1 A student athlete must be enrolled in a school that is a full CCS member school and is a member of a basic league. Such individual student-athletes must compete in at least ½ of the regularly-scheduled league meets in order to participate in the CCS or CIF playoffs in that sport. The specific qualification standards outlined in the CCS bylaws for each of these sports must be met in addition to this general minimum participation standard. Exceptions to this rule may be determined by the league on formal appeal. Contact SCVAL Commissioner (See CCS Play Off Policy)

- SECTION 2** Players cannot forfeit a match in the finals and then participate in the CCS singles or team events. Athletes who do not show or forfeit a finals match will not be placed in CCS competition or play with team in CCS going forward. ALL singles and doubles MUST check in 15 mins before the beginning of the opening finals round. If you have a bye one hour, 15 minutes. If you have not checked in your match will be forfeited. Check-in on time or forfeit.
- SECTION 2** Regular CCS scoring will be used for all tournament matches.
- SECTION 3** The starting time for the league tournament shall be 1:00pm with introductions and court assignments starting at 12:45pm for the tournament.
- SECTION 4** The champion of each division will represent the SCVAL in the CCS Tournament.
- 4.1 Any other team who is not an automatic qualifier can apply as an at-large team, and the seeding committee will select, who they feel, are the strongest teams out of the at-large pool.
- 4.2 If a League has less than six (6) teams participating, the League Champion will not receive an automatic berth, but may apply for AT-Large selection.
- SECTION 5** Each school shall furnish (4) four cans of USTA approved championship tennis balls to cover the Varsity competition.
- SECTION 6** All league certificates will be awarded in each division for all semi-finalists of both singles and doubles from year-end tournament in both divisions.

ARTICLE VIII

TENNIS CHAIRPERSON/Movement

- SECTION 1** The division chairpersons shall be chosen by the league coaches.
- SECTION 2** The chairperson is automatically the representative to the CCS Tennis committee for a minimum of 3 three years.
- SECTION 3** The Athletic Director chairperson and coaches of the committee are responsible for the bylaw revisions submitted to the Athletic Director's Council. By-Law revisions are proposed by a vote of coaches at the end of the season meeting, then AD approval and then BOM for final approval.
- SECTION 4** The Athletic Director chairperson will call a pre-season and post-season meeting, and notify coaches, the athletic directors and commissioner of the meetings.
- SECTION 5** Team placement in a division will be reviewed and decided by coaches present at the end of-the-season meeting. If a decision of coaches cannot be made by those present after considering the best interests of the teams, the winner of the El Camino Division will automatically be moved into the De Anza division and the last place team in the De Anza Division will become an El Camino Division representative for the following year. Schools will be required to play the designated division at both Varsity and JV levels.
- 5.1 For standings and movement position the following will be utilized when ties occur with records. 1) head to head then 2) total match record of two head to head (standings) OR top three returning players total ratings(movement) then 3) coin flip
- SECTION 6** The Athletic Director Chairperson before post season meeting with the help of the division reps will make up the next year's draft schedule and will rotate the schedule each year.

SECTION 7 Both genders and divisions will play at the site below each year.

- 7.1 G-DeAnza League Sites:** Monta Vista 2024, Palo Alto 2025, Los Gatos 2026, Lynbrook 2026, Los Altos 2027, Cupertino 2028, Mtn. View 2029
- 7.2 G-El Camino League Sites:** Milpitas 2024, Saratoga 2025, Homestead 2026, Gunn 2027, Santa Clara 2028, Macdonald 2029, Fremont 2030, Wilcox 2031
- 7.3 B-DeAnza:** Gunn 2024, Mountain View 2025, Cupertino 2026, Monta Vista 2027, Saratoga 2028, Los Altos 2029: Homestead 2030
- 7.4 B-El Camino:** Milpitas 2024, Wilcox 2025, Lynbrook 2026, Los Gatos 2027, Fremont 2028, Macdonald 2029, Santa Clara 2030, Palo Alto 2031