

WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE: Girls' Tennis: Sport Guidelines

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I. Season Limitations

- A. Practice may begin on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.
- B. First contest may be held on Monday, August 24, 2009.
- C. Season ends on Saturday, October 31, 2009.

II. Contest Limitations (Exclusive of the IHSA State Series)

- A. Varsity and JV – twenty (20) dates

III. Levels of Competition

- A. Varsity and JV
- B. A JV 2 level will be played by mutual consent.

IV. Coaches Meeting

- A. Pre-season meeting (TBD)
- B. Post-season meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, in conjunction with the Division seeding meetings, Hinsdale Central, Faculty Dining Room, 7:00 p.m.

V. Championships and Awards

A. Division Standings

1. A championship plaque shall be awarded to the winner at the Varsity level only of each Division.
2. The Division Champion will be determined by points awarded during the dual meet season and the Divisional Championship Meet. Each portion will count **equally** toward the total possible points to be earned. Seven points will be awarded for each dual match (one point for each win in each division, total of 7 points.) A maximum of 42 points for the six dual meets. The Divisional Meet earned points will be as follows in each flight: 1st place – 6 points, 2nd place – 5 points, 3rd place – 4 points, 4th place – 3 points, 5th place – 2 points, 6th place – 1 points, 7th place – 0 points. The maximum team points earned in the 7 flights would be 42 points.

A team's final WSC placement will be determined by adding up the dual match score (maximum of 42 points) and Divisional Meet Score (maximum of 42 points). Highest score (maximum of 84 points) is first place and the lowest score is seventh place.

3. If two (2) or more teams are tied for a place in the Divisional Championship Meet, the points awarded to each team will be determined by adding the points for the places tied and dividing that value by the number of teams tied. For Example, if three (3) teams were tied for 2nd place, add the 2nd place points (5 points), plus 3rd place points (4 points), plus 4th place points (3 points). Divide that total (12 points) by three (3 teams) equals four (4 points) awarded to each team.
4. In case of a tie for first place, there will be co-champion.

B. Individuals Awards

1. Top three (3) places will be awarded medals in each flight at the Varsity level in the Divisional Championship Tournament and will be declared "Medalists".
2. Top three (3) places will be awarded ribbons for each flight at the Sophomore level.
3. The West Suburban Conference All-Academic Team will be composed of those seniors from each Conference school who have earned a Grade Point Average of "B" or above in grades accumulated after the sixth (6th) semester.

VI. Conduct of Contests

A. Dual Meets

1. Division Format: That play consists of matches between three (3) singles and four (4) doubles teams. Both levels will use this format. The best two (2) out of three (3) (tiebreak) sets will be played at the Varsity and Sophomore levels. Coaches have the option to play "No Add" or "Pro Sets" if the courts or light is limited at the Freshman level. The Sophomore and Freshman play at the opposite site from the Varsity. Exhibition matches may be played.
2. Host school responsibility
 - a. The home school will provide new balls for all matches. It is recommended that extra duty yellow balls be used. New balls must be used if the sets are split.
 - b. The home school will inform the visiting school of any meet cancellation. If the match is to be canceled, the visiting school should be notified as soon as the determination has been made, and certainly no later than 2:00 P.M.
3. Visiting School Responsibility
 - a. In the event a locker room is to be used, the visiting school will provide their own locks and towels.
 - b. The coach is responsible for supervision of the locker room that was assigned.
4. Determining the winner dual meets
 - a. Competition shall consist of four (3) singles and three (4) doubles at both the Varsity and the JV levels. The JV levels will be played at the opposite site from the Varsity. Competing schools should work out arrangements when courts are available and they wish to play a Junior Varsity 2 and Freshman match. Exhibition matches may also be played at both sites if court space and players are available.
 - b. The best two (2) out of three (3) (tiebreak) sets will be played at the Varsity and JV levels. The JV 2 level with the coaches concurrence, have the option to play "No add" or "Pro Sets" if court space is limited.

- c. When the set is tied at six-six (6-6), the twelve (12) point tiebreaker shall be used.
 - d. If a player fails to play or complete the match, the opponent will win by a forfeit. If a player fails to complete a match once started, because of health or accident, the score will be posted (example: 6-1, 3-1 retired). If a player is removed from the match for any other reason other than injury or health, the player will be defaulted.
 - e. A match may be called due to inclement weather by the host school. All matches, in progress, will be suspended simultaneously by mutual agreement of the coaches. All suspended matches at the Varsity level will be played the first mutually agreed date (prior to the Division Tournament) from the exact point when the match was suspended. Either coach has the option of a forfeit. When lower level matches are canceled, the player(s) ahead at the time of cancellation will be declared the winner.
5. Division Tournament Procedures - The Varsity Division Tournament will be played on two (2) days. If the divisional tournament falls on a national test date, the JV divisional meet may be played on two dates.
 6. Format - Seven (7) Division (WSC) schools playing singles and doubles in seven (7) flights. All #1 singles in one (1) draw, all #2 singles in one draw, and etc.
 7. The conference tournament will be double elimination. Seed 1-7 all players (using same criteria as 1-4) in the brackets. This is done based on the dual meet records of each position. This is fair to the 5th place player because it gives them a better draw in the first round, which they earned in the dual season, instead of perhaps drawing the 2nd seed in the first round. (2001).
 8. Seeding:
 - a. Seven (7) will be seeded by position in each flight based on the number of wins by that position in the Division dual meets, regardless if more than one (1) player has played at that position.
 - b. The position of seeds will be: seed #1 line #1; seed #2 on line #8; seed #3 on line #6, and seed #4 on line #3. A bye will be placed on line #2. If additional byes occur, they will be placed in this order: line #7, line #5 and line #4.
 - c. If there is a three-way tie, the players with the highest percentage of games won will determine the seeded position.
 - d. After the draw is made for the Division Tournament, if a player withdraws from the Tournament, only that position/player can be replaced.

B. General Policy

1. Singles players must be played in order of ability and doubles players must be played in order of ability as a doubles team. The ranking of players shall be determined by each coach for his own team based on team rank, practice matches, etc.
2. All players shall be ready to participate within ten (10) minutes after the arrival of the visiting team. Warm-ups will be limited to ten (10) minutes, including serves, after matches are called. Dual meets will not begin before 4:30 pm, unless by mutual consent.
3. Code of Conduct - In all West Suburban Conference tennis matches, the point penalty system used in the IHSA State Tournament Series will be in effect.
4. Athletes are to wear a team uniform in all West Suburban Conference matches. The uniform consists of a shirt, or a warm-up top, with the school's name or logo displayed and appropriate tennis bottoms. Headgear must be school issued or school approved. The term headgear includes hats, bandanas, or sweatband

which reflect the school's colors or logo.

5. The coaching rule that will be used in the IHSA State Tournament Series will be the rule of force for all West Suburban Conference matches. In addition, at the lower levels, coaching will be permitted between the first and second set three (3) minutes. However, the players shall not leave the playing court during the three (3) minute coaching period.
6. Tennis Balls - (Divisional Meet) Each school will provide ten (10) new cans of balls for the Divisional Meet. The site director will distribute two (2) new balls for each match. New balls will also be used for the consolation tournament and for the third set in any match.
7. If two (2) sites are used during the Division Tournament, each school will provide supervision at each site.

VII. Officials

- A. No officials are authorized for West Suburban Conference contests. However, questions of procedures or inquiry, are legitimate reasons for mutual direction by coaches.

VIII. Reporting Results

- A. Each school will be responsible for recording their own wins and losses. Before the Division meet each school will send to the Resource Athletic Director their results in order to record the final season standings. The Resource Athletic Director will use this information to complete the final Division standings so that all teams are aware of their point status prior to the Division Tournament. Upon completion of the Division Tournaments, the Resource Athletic Director will tabulate the results of the Tournament and will award the Division Championship to the Division point leader as determined by the points earned in both the dual meet season and the Division Tournament.

IX. Miscellaneous Information

- A. Playing Sites
 1. Leyden - West Campus
 2. Lyons Twp. - South Campus
 3. Morton - West Campus
 4. York – Behrens Park