





**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 that is plain or imprinted 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.

2012 TENNIS TIME LINE		
Mar. 21.....First play date	<b>REGION TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>STATE MEETS</b>
	May 19 .....Completion Deadline	May 25 .....Preliminary rounds
	May 21 .....Entry Deadline	May 26 .....Semifinals and Finals
	May 22 .....Organization meeting for state tournament	Jun 20.....Reimbursement request due

2. It is mandatory that contestants are accompanied to the tournament by the coach or an authorized school representative.
  - a. A letter of authorization must be presented at the seeding meeting on May 22.
  - b. 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.*

### 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 21.

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/Bob Sparks	North Point HS (Day 1) & Annapolis HS (Day 2)
V	Karen Wolfe/William Buckless	Druid Hill Park (Day1) & Wilde Lake Tennis Club (Day2)
VI	Clark Adelman	CCBC—Essex Campus
VII	Fran McCullin/Mike Fell/Barry Angel	Cecil Community College & Rising Sun
VIII	Mike Parks	J.G. Busick Tennis Center & Hyatt Resort Courts
<b>Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the tennis page of mpssaa.org.</b>		

#### IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

##### A. Tournament Organization

1. The seeding committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at the Reservoir 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 2012 tournament will be held at the University of Maryland College Park campus on May 25-26. **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 25 - 10 a.m. (Two preliminary rounds)
  - b. Saturday, May 26 - 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 25. 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 28.
  - 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

**PROJECTED MPSSAA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**  
 2013 - May 24-25                      2014 - May 23-24  
 2015 - May 22-23

**2011–2012 STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

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<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	William Buckless .....Patterson.....	410-396-9274 .....	410-396-8395.....406-871-5700

**Email addresses for committee members can be found on the tennis page of mpssaa.org.**

# 2012 TENNIS REGIONS

## REGION I

Allegheny - 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