



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. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the USTA's "Friend at Court" Rule Book will be followed.
- 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. The MPSSAA State Tennis Committee has adopted the following policies **prior to, during, and after** match play in the interest of sportsmanship and safety:
 - 1. Profane, threatening or obscene language, gestures or taunting during play shall also be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. The first offense will result in a one point penalty and the second offense will result in the disqualification of the offending player.
 - 2. Any tennis ball that is struck in frustration or anger outside of the normal run of play and comes in contact with the court, fencing, net, net post, another player, or leaves the court confines shall be deemed as equipment abuse.
 - 3. Any racket that is swung in frustration or anger that comes in contact with the court, fencing, net, net post, another player, or any racket intentionally propelled out of a player's hand toward the court, skyward, or in any horizontal direction shall be deemed as equipment abuse.
 - 4. The normal escalating penalty scale for Code Violations will be applied unless the equipment abuse causes injury to an opponent where the opponent cannot continue to play, then a default by the equipment abuser will be declared.
 - 5. Any violation of actions found in items #1 through #3 above following the conclusion of play will result in the loss of a team point and possible disqualification upon the determination of the State Tennis Committee. Any disqualification will result in the loss of all team points earned by the disqualified player(s).
- F. Officials are performing a disservice to the sport and the athletes when they allow unsportsmanlike acts to go uncalled because they do not want to appear to be "too picky". When those athletes do participate in a region or state tournament 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, since the call was never made during the regular season. Resulting disqualifications are ultimately the responsibility of the athlete and the coach, however officials who have tolerated illegal actions during the regular season must also assume some responsibility.

2019 TENNIS TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar. 21.....First play date	May 18Completion Deadline May 21Organization meeting for State Tournament	May 23-24Qtr. & Semifinals May 25Finals & 3rd/4th June 20.....Reimbursement request due

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.
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 in this bulletin.
2. Any player found guilty of misconduct 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/are 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
3. If a penalty point has been assessed due to an infraction of 2(d.) in a previous match, a subsequent infraction of 2(d.) 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. The State Tournament will be contested in four classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A).
2. Each school may enter one team consisting of a boys singles, boys doubles, girls singles, girls doubles, and mixed doubles.
 - a. Participants are not allowed to compete in more than one event.
 - b. Doubles teams must be composed of players from the same school.
 - c. If either player on a doubles team is unable to compete, the entry is disqualified.
 - d. Schools do not have to enter participants in all five events.
 - e. All team entries shall be submitted by 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9.
3. Each region will conduct a 16-line single elimination tournament. The top two players/teams in each event will advance to the State Tournament.
4. The format shall be single elimination (two out of three sets regular scoring with a 10-point match tie-breaker in lieu of a third set). A three-minute break between the second set and the match tie-breaker will be allowed, if requested.
5. The State Tennis Committee will meet to seed the region tournaments on Tuesday, May 14 at Howard High School beginning at 4 p.m.
6. Each region tournament director should submit the full name, grade, the school represented, season record, and coach's name for each Region Champion and Finalist to Jean Vanderpool. The region tournament director must send entries by email to Jean Vanderpool (jean_vanderpool@hcpss.org) by noon on Monday, May 20.
7. Each region will submit two entries/teams to the State Tournament for a total of 8 entries per classification. In the event a team/player must withdraw, the next runner-up available team/player within that region shall advance.
8. A region championship trophy will be presented to the team with the most total accumulated points from all players at each region tournament. If a tie occurs, teams will be named Region Co-Champions.
9. Region tournament points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Region Quarterfinalists earn 1 point.
 - b. 4th place finishers earn 2 points.
 - c. 3rd place finishers earn 3 points.
 - d. Region Finalists earn 4 points.
 - e. Region Champions earn 6 points.
10. All region tournaments shall be completed by May 18, weather permitting.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at Howard High School at 5:30 p.m.

2019 REGION TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Region tourney schedule and email addresses for region tournament directors can be found on the Tennis page of mpssaa.org.

<p style="text-align: center;">4A West RM, WJ, PB, WW, & NW May 15 (3:15 p.m.) May 16 (3:15 p.m.) May 17 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactMitchell Duque SchoolWalter Johnson Phone.....703-582-2985</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4A North Wilde Lake TC & HS May 16 (12 p.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Chip Boling School.....Howard Phone.....443-609-4928</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4A South Watkins Regional Park May 16 (9 a.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactRobert Vinson SchoolCharles H. Flowers Phone301-613-5164</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4A East Annapolis HS May 16 (12 p.m.) May 18 (10 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactTheresa Tucker SchoolSouth River Phone.....443-822-9569</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3A West No. & So. Hagerstown HS May 17 (12 p.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Fran McCullin School.....West MS Phone410-913-6384</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3A North Goucher College May 16 (12 p.m.) May 17 (12 p.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Fletcher Burchett SchoolKenwood Phone410-967-0904</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3A South May 17 (12 p.m.) @ Poly May 18 (11 a.m.) @ North Pt. HS & Davis MS</p> <p>ContactDerek Sabedra SchoolLeonardtwn Phone410-610-4300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3A East Wilde Lake TC & HS May 16 (12 p.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Chip Boling School.....Howard Phone.....443-609-4928</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2A West Baker Park May 16 (9 a.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactShaun Weiss SchoolOakdale Phone.....301-668-2801</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2A North Goucher College May 16 (12 p.m.) May 17 (12 p.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Fletcher Burchett SchoolKenwood Phone.....410-967-0904</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2A South No. Point HS & Davis MS May 16 (12 p.m.) May 18 (11 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactDerek Sabedra SchoolLeonardtwn Phone410-610-4300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2A East Cambridge Hyatt & Busick Tennis Center May 17 (12 p.m.) May 18 (11 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactDennis White School.....North Caroline Phone.....410-443-7063</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">1A West Baker Park May 17 (9 a.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactShaun Weiss SchoolOakdale Phone.....301-668-2801</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1A North Poly/Western Complex May 16 (12 p.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactZachary Palmer SchoolWestern-B Phone.....520-668-5407</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1A South Watkins Regional Park May 17 (9 a.m.) May 18 (9 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactRobert Vinson SchoolCharles H. Flowers Phone301-613-5164</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1A East Cambridge Hyatt & Busick Tennis Center May 17 (12 p.m.) May 18 (11 a.m.)</p> <p>ContactDennis White School.....North Caroline Phone.....410-443-7063</p>

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 the 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 can be notified. Region directors must inform the State Committee Director by 10 p.m. of the substitution.
3. The 2019 tournament will be held at Wilde Lake Tennis Club in Columbia on May 23-25. Please refer to the Tennis Fan Focus on MPSSAA.org.

Directions (from Rt. 29 in Howard County): Off of Rt. 29, take exit 20B towards Columbia/Town Center. Merge onto Little Patuxent Parkway and then take a slight right onto Gov. Warfield Pkwy. Take Gov. Warfield Pkwy. to the 2nd right onto Twin Rivers Road. Follow Twin Rivers Road for 1/2 mile and then take a left onto Lynx Road. Take Lynx Road for almost 2/10 of a mile to a right onto Cross Fox Lane. Club will be on the right (10499 Cross Fox Lane).

4. Schedule
 - a. Thursday, May 23 - 10 a.m. (Two preliminary rounds - Class 1A and Class 2A)
 - b. Friday, May 24 - 10 a.m. (Two preliminary rounds - Class 3A and Class 4A)

b. Saturday, May 25 - 10 a.m. - Consolation rounds and Finals.

5. The format shall be single elimination. **Participants will compete in a best two out of three sets regular scoring with a 10-point match tie-breaker in lieu of a third set. A three-minute break between the second set and match tie-breaker will be allowed, if requested.**

6. Players and coaches are to report **together to the tournament desk** 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match(es) on Thursday, May 23, Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25. Adjustments in starting times, order of play, and court assignments can only be made by the tournament committee. Match times may be adjusted to begin prior to 10 a.m. in order to accommodate **player** graduations and weather issues when possible.

7. In the event of a postponement and indoor courts are unavailable, the State Tournament Committee may modify or cancel play as needed. If the tournament cannot be completed on Saturday, play will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

8. USTA officials will be on site.

B. General Policies

1. USTA-approved Wilson T-1001 tennis balls will be used and provided.

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.

4. A State Championship Award will be presented to a team in each of the four classifications with the highest accumulated point total for the region and state tournaments combined. In addition to their region tournament points, schools will earn additional state tournament points as follows:

- a. 4th place at States - **7** points.
- b. 3rd place at States - **8** points.
- c. 2nd place (State Finalist) - **10** points.
- d. 1st place (State Champion) - **12** points.

PROJECTED MPSSAA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP DATES		
2020 - May 21-23	2021 - May 27-29	2022 - May 26-28

2018-2019 STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE			
		Office	Other
DIRECTOR	Jean Vanderpool	Howard County (Retired).....	410-802-2757
DISTRICT 1	Shaun Weiss	Oakdale	240-566-9647 301-668-2801
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DISTRICT 3	Robert Vinson	Charles H. Flowers	301-613-5164
DISTRICT 4	Derek Sabedra.....	Leonardtown	301-475-0200..... 410-610-4300
DISTRICT 5	Chip Boling	Howard	410-313-2867 443-609-4928
	Grant Yinger.....	Chesapeake-AA	410-255-9600..... 410-761-2833
DISTRICT 6	Fletcher Burchett.....	Kenwood.....	443-809-0153..... 410-967-0904
DISTRICT 7	Lucia Samra.....	Patterson Mill.....	410-638-4640..... 443-528-2487
	Fran McCullin.....	West MS	410-751-3661 410-913-6384
DISTRICT 8	Dennis White	North Caroline	410-479-2332 410-443-7063
DISTRICT 9	Zachary Palmer	Western-B.....	410-396-7040..... 520-668-5407

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

2019 ALIGNMENT FOR TENNIS

CLASS 4A-WEST			CLASS 4A-NORTH			CLASS 4A-SOUTH			CLASS 4A-EAST		
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg		1. Catonsville	B Co		1. Bladensburg	PG		1. Annapolis	AA	
2. Winston Churchill	Mtg		2. Dulaney	B Co		2. Bowie	PG		2. Arundel	AA	
3. Clarksburg	Mtg		3. Perry Hall	B Co		3. Charles H. Flowers	PG		3. Broadneck	AA	
4. Albert Einstein	Mtg		4. Mergenthaler	Balt		4. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG		4. Glen Burnie	AA	
5. Gaithersburg	Mtg		5. Western	Balt		5. DuVal	PG		5. Meade	AA	
6. John F. Kennedy	Mtg		6. Urbana	Fre		6. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG		6. North County	AA	
7. Northwest	Mtg		7. Howard	How		7. High Point	PG		7. Old Mill	AA	
8. Quince Orchard	Mtg		8. Montgomery Blair	Mtg		8. Laurel	PG		8. Severna Park	AA	
9. Richard Montgomery	Mtg		9. Northwood	Mtg		9. Northwestern	PG		9. South River	AA	
10. Walt Whitman	Mtg		10. Paint Branch	Mtg		10. Parkdale	PG		10. North Point	Cha	
11. Walter Johnson	Mtg		11. Sherwood	Mtg		11. Suitland	PG		11. Leonardtown	StM	
12. Wheaton	Mtg		12. Springbrook	Mtg							
13. Thomas Wootton	Mtg										
CLASS 3A-WEST			CLASS 3A-NORTH			CLASS 3A-SOUTH			CLASS 3A-EAST		
1. Manchester Valley	Car		1. Dundalk	B Co		1. Baltimore City College	Balt		1. Chesapeake	AA	
2. Westminster	Car		2. Franklin	B Co		2. Digital Harbor	Balt		2. Northeast	AA	
3. Frederick	Fre		3. Kenwood	B Co		3. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt		3. Atholton	How	
4. Linganore	Fre		4. Lansdowne	B Co		4. Southwestern	Balt		4. Centennial	How	
5. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre		5. Milford Mill Academy	B Co		5. Huntingtown	Cal		5. Long Reach	How	
6. Tuscarora	Fre		6. Parkville	B Co		6. Northern	Cal		6. Mount Hebron	How	
7. James Hubert Blake	Mtg		7. Patapsco	B Co		7. St. Charles	Cal		7. Reservoir	How	
8. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg		8. Towson	B Co		8. Oxon Hill	PG		8. James M. Bennett	Wic	
9. Rockville	Mtg		9. Woodlawn	B Co		9. Potomac	PG		9. Stephen Decatur	Wor	
10. Watkins Mill	Mtg		10. Aberdeen	Hfd		10. Chopticon	StM				
11. North Hagerstown	Was		11. Bel Air	Hfd		11. Great Mills	StM				
12. South Hagerstown	Was		12. C. Milton Wright	Hfd							
			13. Edgewood	Hfd							
CLASS 2A-WEST			CLASS 2A-NORTH			CLASS 2A-SOUTH			CLASS 2A-EAST		
1. Century	Car		1. Eastern Technical	B Co		1. Southern	AA		1. Elkton	Cec	
2. Liberty	Car		2. Hereford	B Co		2. Calvert	Cal		2. North East	Cec	
3. South Carroll	Car		3. New Town	B Co		3. Patuxent	Cal		3. Rising Sun	Cec	
4. Winters Mill	Car		4. Owings Mills	B Co		4. La Plata	Cha		4. North Caroline	Cin	
5. Middletown	Fre		5. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt		5. Thomas Stone	Cha		5. Fallston	Hfd	
6. Oakdale	Fre		6. Edmondson-Westside	Balt		6. Westlake	Cha		6. Harford Technical	Hfd	
7. Walkersville	Fre		7. Patterson	Balt		7. Glenelg	How		7. North Harford	Hfd	
8. Damascus	Mtg		8. Central	PG		8. Hammond	How		8. Kent Island	QA	
9. Poolesville	Mtg		9. Crossland	PG		9. Marriotts Ridge	How		9. Queen Anne's	QA	
10. Seneca Valley	Mtg		10. Gwynn Park	PG		10. Oakland Mills	How		10. Easton	Tal	
11. Williamsport	Was					11. River Hill	How		11. Parkside	Wic	
						12. Wilde Lake	How		12. Wicomico	Wic	
CLASS 1A-WEST			CLASS 1A-NORTH			CLASS 1A-SOUTH			CLASS 1A-EAST		
1. Allegany	All		1. Carver A&T	B Co		1. Chesapeake Science Pt.	AA		1. Havre de Grace	Hfd	
2. Fort Hill	All		2. Chesapeake	B Co		2. Henry E. Lackey	Cha		2. Joppatowne	Hfd	
3. Mountain Ridge	All		3. Loch Raven	B Co		3. Maurice J. McDonough	Cha		3. Patterson Mill	Hfd	
4. Francis Scott Key	Car		4. Overlea	B Co		4. College Park Academy	PG		4. Bohemia Manor	Cec	
5. Brunswick	Fre		5. Pikesville	B Co		5. Croom Vocational	PG		5. Perryville	Cec	
6. Catoctin	Fre		6. Randallstown	B Co		6. Fairmont Heights	PG		6. Colonel Richardson	Cin	
7. Northern	G		7. Sparrows Point	B Co		7. Frederick Douglass	PG		7. Cambridge-SD	Dor	
8. Southern	G		8. Western STES	B Co		8. Friendly	PG		8. North Dorchester	Dor	
9. Boonsboro	Was		9. ACCE	Balt		9. Intl. HS @ Langley Park	PG		9. Kent County	K	
10. Clear Spring	Was		10. Coppin Academy	Balt		10. Largo	PG		10. Washington	Som	
11. Hancock	Was		11. Frederick Douglass	Balt		11. North CMIT	PG		11. Mardela	Wic	
12. Smithsburg	Was		12. Paul Laurence Dunbar	Balt		12. South CMIT	PG		12. Pocomoke	Wor	
			13. Forest Park	Balt		13. Surrattsville	PG		13. Snow Hill	Wor	
			14. Benjamin Franklin	Balt		14. Tall Oaks	PG				
			15. Lake Clifton	Balt							
			16. Reginald Lewis	Balt							
			17. Natl. Acad. Foundation	Balt							
			18. New Era Academy	Balt							
			19. The SEED School	MD							