



**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 and Code 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. Abusive, loud, 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 and coaches 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.

<b>2022 TENNIS TIME LINE</b>		
	<b>REGION TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>STATE TOURNAMENT</b>
<b>Mar. 21</b> .....First play date	<b>May 9</b> .....Region Tournament Entries Due	<b>May 26-27</b> .....Qtr. & Semifinals <b>May 28</b> .....Finals
	<b>May 21</b> .....Completion Deadline	<b>June 21</b> .....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 **given a code violation** 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 29 (continuous 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 2022 Region and State Tournament will be contested in four classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A).**
- 3. 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 Monday, May 9.**
- 4. Each classification will conduct a single-elimination tournament.**
- 5. Qualification to the State Meet will take place through the course of the region meets.**
- 6. Each region will conduct an 8-line single elimination tournament.**
- 7. Region Tournaments may begin on Friday, May 13, 2022.**
- 8. The winner of each region will advance to the state quarterfinals.**
- 9. 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.**
- 10. Seeding: Based on entries per region, the MPSSAA will conduct a random draw for each Region.**
- 12. All region tournaments shall be completed by May 21, weather permitting.**

#### **B. Region tournament points**

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Points will be awarded as follows:**
  - a. Region Finalist earns 1 points.**
  - b. Region Champion earns 2 points.**

### **IV. STATE TOURNAMENT**

#### **A. Tournament Organization**

- 1. The state tournament seeding meeting will be held at Howard High School on May 23 at 4:30 p.m.**
- 2. The 2022 tournament will be held at Wilde Lake Tennis Club in Columbia on May 26-28. Please refer to MPSSAA.org for more information.**

**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).

## 2. Schedule

- a. **Thursday, May 26 - 9 a.m. - State Quarterfinals and Semifinals - 15 Courts - Class 1A and 2A.**
- b. **Friday, May 27 - 9 a.m. - State Quarterfinals and Semifinals - 15 Courts - Class 3A and 4A.**
- c. **Saturday, May 28 - 9 a.m. - State Championships and Consolations- 15 Courts - Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A.**

3. 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.**
4. Players and coaches are to report **together to the tournament desk** 30 minutes prior to their scheduled match(es). 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.

## 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. Admission and spectator capacity will be determined by the MPSSAA in consultation with the facility and in compliance with local and state policies.
4. Awards will be presented following the finals for 1st through 4th place in each category.
5. 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 (State) - 6 points**
- b. **3rd place (State) - 5 points**
- c. **2nd place (State Finalist) - 9 points.**
- d. **1st place (State Champion) - 12 points.**

**REGIONAL SCHEDULE AND SITES WILL BE LISTED ON MPSSAA.ORG**

**STATE TENNIS COMMITTEE DIRECTORS ARE LISTED ON MPSSAA.ORG**

PROJECTED MPSSAA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP DATES		
2023 - May 25-27	2024 - May 23-25	2025 - May 22-24

# 2022 ALIGNMENT FOR TENNIS

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