

Middle School Tennis Guidelines

1. Number of team members: Suggested 20
2. Team line up: Four singles, five doubles, a total of fourteen players.
3. The home team coach has the responsibility of contacting the visiting team coach two nights before their match to confirm line up and court location. If a team doesn't have enough players for a complete line up, the defaulted sets have to be decided from the bottom of the line up. For example: Number five doubles is defaulted before number four doubles. Number four singles is defaulted before number three singles.
4. The coaches may decide to change location of their match if the courts scheduled are not available. Tennis court drying equipment like a roll-dry or squeegees should be used to clear puddles if there is rain in the morning.
5. In case of rained out matches. The home team coach needs to reschedule when convenient for both teams or use the rain make up days. The rain make up days are put aside at the end of the regular season. There also maybe days for a make up during the spring break.
6. All individual matches will be one eight game set, no-ad scoring, twelve point tie breaker at seven games all. If the team match is starting late or there is a court shortage, the coaches may choose to play one six game set with a twelve point tie breaker at six games all.
7. Start each team match by introducing your entire line-up to their counterparts on the other team. Play singles matches first when possible. Explain to the players the match format. Let the players know that both coaches are acting as referees in case of any misbehavior or disputes during the matches.
8. Home team supplies the balls. Use new balls. Either two balls per match or three for two matches.
9. With eight schools participating. The top four place teams of the regular season round robin make the "Level one" play off rounds. One plays four and two plays three. The winners of those matches play each other and one of them becomes the "Level one" champion. The next four place teams of the regular season round robin also have play off rounds. Five plays eight and six plays seven. The winners of those matches play each other for the "Level two" championship.