

**2019-20 MID PENN CONFERENCE
TENNIS GUIDELINES
BOYS AND GIRLS**

Matches

- All matches will be comprised of a specified number of singles and doubles matches where they will play the best of three (3) sets with a twelve (12)-point tiebreaker played at 6-6.
- Suggested start time for matches is **4:00 PM**.
- **Teams may start earlier if agreed upon by the Coaches/AD's and both teams are ready to play.**
- The coaches will exchange strength ladders and written line-ups prior to the start of the match using the **MID-PENN CONFERENCE TENNIS MATCH LADDER FORM**
- The home team should supply three (3) new optic yellow Wilson Championship or comparable extra duty tennis balls for each match.

Format of Matches:

- 3-2 Format within all divisions (AAA and AA)
- A match held against non-league opponent(s) the home team has the discretion of the format used. MPC teams hosting non-league teams should use the 3-2 format.

Uniforms

- Contestants must wear proper tennis attire, which should be school issued tennis shirt, skirts or shorts.
- T-shirts without school name/nickname, altered apparel or jeans not permitted.
- Advertisement, logos or trademarks of more than two (2) and ¼ square inches not permitted on clothing, caps, headbands or visors. This rule is consistent with District III guidelines.

Schedules

- The Sports Chairperson/Committee will provide schedules for a two-year cycle.

Game Operations

- Matches played as scheduled by the conference.
- Lineups determined by the results of a sufficient number of challenge matches prior to the first match. Once the season begins, a player's position cannot change or challenges played unless there is an open date between matches.
- A player may not be able to move more than one position per week.
- Each team must present the MPC Ladder Form prior to the match. The three strongest players (on any given day) must play singles and in order on the ladder form. The doubles teams can be any combination of the remaining players as long as they play in order listed on form.
- NO MATCHES FORFEITED.
- Most USTA rules will apply to all matches.
- Once the lineups announced, opposing players will warm up with each other for a maximum of ten (10) minutes, which includes serve.
- Only District approved coaches may coach players when the ball is not in play, and they may not interfere with continuous play.
- Coaches and players are to use good common sense and sportsmanship.
- Parents not permitted to be at the fence area or interfere with play.

- Coaches are responsible for controlling their player's conduct as it pertains to language, foot faults, line calls, dress, and behavior.
- Inappropriate conduct will result in the point penalty system being invoked warning, point, game, set and then default.
- Under special circumstances the coaches may mutually agree to play pro sets and the win/loss result will stand in regards to seeding.
- Challenge match scores must be shown if requested by opposing coach.
- District Doubles Exhibition match played using an 8-game pro set at the discretion of both head coaches.
- **All players are highly encouraged to shake hands after ALL matches.**

Reporting games to media

- The home team must report the results to local Media Outlets.

Officials

- There are no officials for tennis matches.
- Players are responsible for making their own line calls and cannot rely on spectators or scorekeepers to make calls for them.
- The players are also responsible for knowing the correct score and only the players involved must settle disputes.
- The Code player's guide to unofficiated matches should be the guideline for match play.

Postponement

- If postponement occurs, the match scheduled to the next available date for both schools.

Conference Tournament

- The Mid Penn Conference Tournament is the qualifier for the District III tournament at the #1 singles and #1 doubles positions.
- The tournament directors for each of the classifications are responsible for informing all coaches of the date, time, and location for seeding meeting, as well as times and delays for actual tournament days.
- Season records for each school's entries in the tournament should be all tallied and available at the seeding meeting.
- Teams are limited to only seven total players/entries
- The coaches are responsible for their players being on time, their conduct, and dress.
- Coaches must bring one (1) new can of balls for each entry in the singles and doubles brackets.
- First and second place medals awarded for each singles playing position and each doubles position.
- Independent players may enter the tournament only if their school is a representative of the Mid Penn Conference. Cost is \$35.00 to enter.
- MPC Tournament will not be held on SAT Saturdays!

2019-2020 MPC TENNIS (BOYS AND GIRLS) IMPORTANT DATES

- **2019-20 MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL COACHES:** August 7, 6:00 PM @ CDE
- **2019-20 Girls' Dates:** October 3, 4, and 7, 2019. Rain Dates: October 5, 8, and 9.
- **2019-20 AA Girls' Seeding Meeting Date:** October 2, @ East Penn High School.
- **2019-20 AAA Girls' Seeding Meeting Date:** October 1, @ CD East High School.
- **2019-20 Boys' Dates:** April 23, 24, and 2, 2020. Rain Dates: April 25, 28, and 29.
- **2019-20 AA Boys' Seeding Meeting Date:** April 22, @ East Penn High School.
- **2019-20 AAA Boys' Seeding Meeting Date:** April 21, @ CD High School.
- **2019-20 AA and AAA MPC Teams Representing the District III Team Tournament based on the District III Power Ratings.**

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