

Policy 5250 TENNIS (Boys/Girls)

Approved Changes 5/11/11

I. Scheduling

- All teams will play a single round-robin schedule and a division tournament at the end of the season.
- Home site will rotate each year.
- Division schedule will rotate every two years with the last game being moved to the first and other games moved back accordingly.
- Matches will consist of four singles matches and four doubles matches.
- JV teams will play at the opposite site of the varsity contest (if possible).

II. Division Championship Determination

- Regular season competition will count as one-half toward the overall championship.
- The tournament will count one-half toward the overall championship.
- A win is worth two points in the standings, a tie is worth one point, and a loss is worth zero points.
- Regular season champion will get the same number of points as there are teams in the division. Points will be awarded to other teams in descending order of finish.
- League tournament champion will get the same number of points as there are teams in the division. Points will be awarded to other teams in descending order of finish.
- Tournament will be played as an eight team compass draw tournament. Any byes will go to higher seeded individuals.

III. Starting Times

- Varsity at 4:00 p.m.
- Junior varsity at 4:00 p.m. if played at the site opposite varsity or right after the varsity match if played at the same site as varsity.

IV. Pre-Game and Warm-Up

- The courts are to be available thirty-minutes prior to the start of the match.
- The visiting team should have a minimum of twenty-minutes of on-court warm-up time.
- Teams and coaches will meet on the courts at 3:55 p.m. to go over ground rules and to meet their opponent.

V. Rules of the Game

- All MHSAA, and USTA rules will be followed.
- Coaching staffs will be limited to two school approved coaches/per team at a match.
- Either coaching staff may assess penalty points in a dual match.
- Proper tennis attire will be worn.
- The twelve-point tiebreaker will be in effect for all dual meets and the division championship.
- Coaching is allowed during all matches and changeovers.

VI. Regular Season Match Format

- Order of matches will be determined by the host school.
- A full third set will be played if the first two sets are split (varsity).
- If the JV match is being played at the same site and following the varsity match, the JV's will play an eight game pro-set.
- If the JV match is being played at the opposite site of the varsity match or on a different day, the same format as varsity matches will be followed.

VII. Host School Responsibilities

- Provide two game balls for each match and two additional balls for third sets.
- Water and ice will be provided for both teams.
- Locker room facilities for the visiting team.
- Certified athletic trainer or doctor (if possible).

VIII. Make-Up Dates

- Postponed games will be made up the next available day with every attempt made to make up prior to the league seeding meeting.
- For seeding purposes, only regular season matches that are not made up before the tournament shall be recorded as a loss for both teams and a loss for those individuals with incomplete matches.

IX. Reporting Scores

The host school will report scores to:

- Jackson Citizen Patriot (800-878-3267)
- Lansing State Journal (800-365-1068)

X. League Tournament

- The divisional tournament will be played as an eight team compass draw tournament. Any byes will go to higher seeded individuals. Seeds will assigned to the following lines in order: #1 seed-Line 1, #2 seed-Line 8, #3 seed-Line 5, #4 seed –Line 4, #5 seed –Line 3, #6 seed –Line 6, #7 seed-Line7 and #8 seed-Line 2. Unseeded lines should be filled by byes
- Seed meeting will be held at the host school on a night prior to the division tournament as determined by the host school.
- Each flight will have all players seeded based upon the following criteria in the order listed.
- Head to Head competition from league dual match.
- Head to Head Competition from Non-League dual or tournament match.
- Indirect competition from league dual matches.
- Indirect competition from Non-League dual or tournament match.
- Any byes go to the higher seeded players.
- Team scores will be kept to figure the final division standings.
- Points will be awarded in each flight to each player accordingly: i.e. six team division. 1st place will earn 6 points, 2nd place will earn 5 points, 3rd place will earn 4 points and so on.
- Matches in the consolation bracket will be 8 game pro sets unless time and court availability permit full matches. This will be determined before any consolation matches begin by the tournament director.
- The team winning the most points on that day will be the tournament champion
- The division tournament will take place on Thursday or Friday the week prior to Regionals at the host school's discretion. Rain date for Thursday can be Friday after school or on Saturday of that week. If a Friday divisional tournament is rained out, the rain date will be the next day on Saturday.
- The penalty point system is cumulative throughout the event and the graduated point system will be used for minor offenses. Penalties called on day one shall be applicable to a second day of competition or a suspended continued competition.

- A blanket warning will be given to the field of competition during a pre-meet meeting. All varsity head coaches, the tournament manager, or any person designated in writing by the host school (prior to the competition) may call penalty points.

Offenses:

- ✓ First Offense: Warning
 - ✓ Second Offense: Point
 - ✓ Third Offense: Default
 - ✓ Major Offense: Disqualification
- Coaches, non-participating student-athletes and team attendants shall remain off the court during play. Exceptions: injury, request for ruling, and net malfunctions.
 - New tennis balls will be used when a match is extended to the third set or by mutual agreement of both coaches.