

OVAC TENNIS FORMAT

Effective 2011-2012

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2012 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

West Liberty University
West Liberty, WV

Monday, April 23, 2012
Boys' Doubles - 10:00AM
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Girls' Doubles - 10:00AM
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Boys' Singles - 8:30AM
Thursday, April 26, 2012
Girls' Singles - 8:30AM
Friday, April 27, 2012
Rain Date

FUTURE DATES:

April 22-25, 2013
April 28 - May 1, 2014
April 27-30, 2015

MANDATORY MEETING:

There will be a mandatory meeting of all OVAC tennis coaches on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at the Stone Room in Wheeling Park (adjacent to The Bubble) at 1:00PM. All coaches or a school representative must be in attendance to be eligible for the Conference championship. Any school not in attendance will have to pay a \$100 penalty AND attend a make-up meeting before they will be eligible.

1. BOYS:

For the 2012 championship, an eight (8)-game pro set with a tie breaker at eight-all will be used throughout the entire tournament. A minimum of seven (7) players must be utilized in the lineup. (2006)

GIRLS:

For the 2012 championship, an eight (8)-game pro set will be utilized. This applies to ALL singles and doubles matches. All tournament matches will be pro set [eight (8) games with a twelve (12) point tie breaker at eight games all]. For the girls' championship, West Virginia rules will be followed.

2. There will be two girls' champions. A championship trophy and pennant will be given to the Girls' Champion in Class 1A-4A and 5A, and a plaque will be given to the Girls' Runner-Up. An overall champion banner will be awarded to the top team in both classes the final day of the tournament.

3. There will be two boys' champions. A championship trophy and pennant will be given to the Boys' Champion in Class 1A-4A and 5A, and a plaque will be given to the Boys' Runner-Up. An overall champion banner will be awarded to the top team in both classes the final day of the tournament.

4. A team is required to play its players in order of strength. The coach may substitute an alternate for a missing player for a maximum of two (2) weeks. **If you have a season-ending injury, you must readjust your line-up for the OVAC tournament to order of strength.** (06.15.11)

5. The OVAC will furnish new balls for the tournament. All singles and doubles matches are played with two (2) new balls. Pro-Penn XD balls will be used

6. **NOTE:** The Director has the option of changing the format due to inclement weather. The following format could be used at the discretion of the Director:

A. Regular eight (8) game pro set with no add scoring. A twelve (12) point tie breaker will be used at eight (8) all.

(6.12.03)

B. **In the event that the above format is used, ALL FINAL MATCHES MUST BE REGULAR SCORING.** (6.23.05)

7. Participants are required to be in school uniforms for championship play.

8. There will be a **MANDATORY seeding meeting** on **Sunday, April 22, 2012**, at the Tech Center One at Wheeling Park High School at 1:00PM. [NOTE: Seeding will be done each year in the same order as the tournament; therefore, in 2012, the boys' coaches will meet at 1:00 and the girls' coaches at 2:15. **COACHES ARE TO BE AT THE MEETING AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE STARTING TIME TO COMPLETE NEEDED PAPERWORK.**]

Complete line-ups and records are to be sent to George Frazier NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012.

9. You cannot be considered for a seed if you have a losing record.

In order for seeds to be made for the tournament, the coach or a school representative must be present. If a school is not represented, that school and players will be ineligible for championship play.

Seeding will be based upon an individual's OVAC record in their respective class only. However, other records can also be submitted and considered. After the top four (4) seeds have been determined, the remaining players will be selected using a random draw as described in the USTA rules.

10. There will be no ties in the tournament. In case of a tie, the champion will be determined according to the following rules:

A. Most points won;

B. Number of champions;

C. Number of finalists;

D. Further advancement of the number one doubles' team.

11. **In the event of a bye, the team will be awarded two (2) points ONLY IF they win their first match.**

EQUIPMENT

1. Only Pro-Penn XD, approved by the USTA, balls shall be used in matches.

2. Tennis racquets and strings shall conform to current USTA standards.

PROTESTS AND FORFEITURES

All protests and forfeitures by coaches will be directed and handled by an official USTA referee.

CONDUCT, CHARACTER, DISCIPLINE

1. Ethical conduct of players and coaches should be observed at all times.

2. During participation in the OVAC championships, any athlete who fails to abide by the decision of officials, uses profanity, disrespectfully addresses an official, uses obscene gestures, or strikes an official or an opponent, will be denied further participation.

During participation in the OVAC Championships, the USTA Standards of Conduct will be enforced.

3. Athletes responsible for such unsportsmanlike conduct will immediately be reported to the OVAC Tournament Director. The Director shall disqualify the athlete from further participation in that tournament series if the situation warrants it:

A. Warning (given with pre-tournament instructions);

B. Loss of point;

C. Loss of game;

D. Forfeit and disqualify at once.

[NOTE: If an infraction is deemed severe, the official or meet director can disqualify a player without warning or game loss.]

COACHING

1. Coaches may talk to players only when they change ends of the court, and shall not delay play by doing so.

2. Coaching may only take place where facilities permit it. Matches on other courts cannot be interfered with. Coaches may not come onto the court.

3. Coaching is not permitted by anyone other than the school's assigned coach.

4. The use of signals, cheering (as opposed to applause), veiled suggestions, and the like, during play, is considered unethical and is not permitted.

5. **Coaches CANNOT call lines for their players. All line calls must be handled by PLAYERS ONLY. In the event of a dispute or discrepancy, players must try to solve it on the court. In the event this is unsettled, players should place their racquets against the net, signaling for a referee's assistance.**

REGULAR SEASON

During the regular season, schools will follow the guidelines and rules that are issued by the state where the match is being played.

It is recommended that every team in the OVAC attempt to play as many Conference opponents as possible during the regular season to assist with the seeding of players.

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FUTURE DATES

2012

Mandatory Meeting: February 12, 2012

Seeding Meeting: April 22, 2012

Doubles:

Boys: April 23, 2012

Girls: April 24, 2012

Singles:

Boys: April 25, 2012

Girls: April 26, 2012

Rain Dates: April 27, 2012, April 28, 2012

2013

Mandatory Meeting: February 10, 2013

Seeding Meeting: April 21, 2013

Doubles:

Girls: April 22, 2013

Boys: April 23, 2013

Singles:

Girls: April 24, 2013

Boys: April 25, 2013

Rain Dates: April 26, 2013, April 27, 2013

2014

Mandatory Meeting: February 16, 2014

Seeding Meeting: April 27, 2014

Doubles:

Boys: April 28, 2014

Girls: April 29, 2014

Singles:

Boys: April 30, 2014

Girls: May 1, 2014

Rain Dates: May 2, 2014, May 3, 2014

2015

Mandatory Meeting: February 15, 2015

Seeding Meeting: April 26, 2015

Doubles:

Girls: April 27, 2015

Boys: April 28, 2015

Singles:

Girls: April 29, 2015

Boys: April 30, 2015

Rain Dates: May 1, 2015, May 2, 2015

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