

**2008 P.I.A.A. DISTRICT IX “AA” & “AAA”
BOYS’ TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – SINGLES
COACHES AND PLAYERS INFORMATION**

1. The tournament will consist of 3 rounds in class “AAA” and 4 rounds in class “AA”. All rounds up to the finals will be played on Monday, May 5, 2008. The tournament finals will be played on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.
2. Scoring in all rounds will be regular scoring and played best of three (3) sets with a 12 point tie-breaker at 6 games all.
3. Coaches are asked to check in their players thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of their first match. ALL matches up to the finals will be played at DuBois Area High School in DuBois, PA.
4. District IX and the PIAA will provide tennis balls for all matches. “Wilson” is the official tennis ball of the PIAA.
5. Players will be given a 10-minute warm-up period before each match.
6. Time schedule and site schedule are subject to change by the Tournament Director.
7. DuBois Area High School will serve as the tournament headquarters for all rounds prior to the finals. Tournament headquarters for the finals is TBA.
8. In the event that the tournament is postponed due to inclement weather conditions, or the forecast of inclement weather conditions, the tournament director will call all head coaches on Sunday, May 4th by 8:00 PM. The rain date is Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 and the tournament format will be altered to allow the tournament to be played in one day.
9. A first place plaque will be presented to the District IX Singles Champion. A runner-up plaque will be presented to the second place finisher.
10. The District IX Singles Champions will represent District IX at the P.I.A.A. State Singles Tournament at the Hershey Racquet Club on May 23rd and 24th. The Singles champions may not elect to give up their spot and contend for the District IX Doubles Championship.
11. Players may have a 90-second break as they change ends after the odd-numbered games in each set. Players may not leave the court at this time.

12. Coaches will be limited to advising or instructing contestants during competition, as follows: one designated coach per team may enter the court area during the two-minute set break, as the set ends, and advise or instruct their players; and during the five-minute off-the-court break provided for between split sets.
13. Any player may ask the Tournament Director for a court monitor. Once the monitor is assigned to a court, the monitor will settle any disputes, and his decision will be final.
14. All spectators and coaches must stay behind the fences. Spectators and coaches may not carry on a conversation with a player during the match.
15. Restrooms will be available at the DuBois Area High School field house for the convenience of players and spectators. The field house is located between the tennis courts and the track.
16. Spectator parking is located at the DuBois Area High School directly in front of the tennis courts with overflow parking in the student parking lot located directly in front of the school along route 255. Spectators should note that bus traffic is very heavy at the high school from 2:35 PM to 2:55 PM.
17. A concession stand will not available at the school or at the courts.
18. The following “U.S.T.A. Point Penalty System (PIAA Modified)” will govern unsportsmanlike conduct:

DELAY OF GAME (for violations of delay of game):

- (a). At 90-second changeover or other times, stalling, prolonging, argument over a decision, injury time-out.
- (b). Failure to start play after expiration of ten minute warm-up period.
Penalty: First offense – warning; second offense – point; third offense – default

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- (a). Profane or obscene language or gestures, when not directed at a person or persons:
Penalty: First offense – warning; second offense – point; third offense – default
- (b). Profane or obscene language or gestures directed at an official, opponent, or spectator(s):
Penalty: First offense – point; second offense – game; third offense – default
- (c). Abuse of racket, balls, and equipment: such as hitting or kicking ball out-of-court:
Penalty: First offense – warning; second offense – point; third offense- default
- (d). Major unsportsmanlike acts, such as hitting a ball at or near an official or spectator, or intentional racquet dropping to disconcert an opponent:
Penalty: First offense – two points; second offense game; third offense – default