

P.I.A.A. District IX Girls' Tennis Tournament

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches.

AAA Schools: (4) - DuBois Area, Bradford Area, Punxsutawney Area, Clearfield Area
AA Schools: (4) - St. Marys Area, Brockway Area, Elk County Catholic, Johnsonburg Area

From: Aaron Straub, District IX Tennis Chairman

Date: September 17, 2008

Re: 2008 District IX Girls' Tennis Championships

This packet contains information, rules, and necessary paper work to enter the District IX Girls' Tennis Singles, Doubles, and Team Tennis Tournament. Please keep in mind that the purpose of the Tournaments is to qualify the best teams and individuals in District IX for State Playoff Competition. The Team Tournament and Doubles Tournament is open to any District IX P.I.A.A. member school that sponsors a Tennis Team and participates in 50% of the maximum allotted matches. The singles tournament is open to any individuals in the District wishing to enter. No team will be denied admittance because of a won-loss record. Please check your school classification ("AAA", "AA") above and make sure that it is correct.

Tournament: Both "AAA" and "AA" will qualify for the PIAA State Tournament through the District IX Tournament.

Eligibility: Open Tournament

Entry Deadline: Singles Tournament entry deadline is Thursday, September 25th at noon
 Double Tournament entry deadline is Thursday, October 2nd at noon
 Team Tournament entry deadline is Thursday, October 2nd at noon

You may E-Mail your entries. I will confirm your entries with a return E-Mail. **The preferred method of entry is by E-Mail.**

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Entry Forms: **Entry forms are contained in this E-Mail. Please use these forms when entering the tournament.** General information on the tournament can be found on the District IX website at www.piaad9.org.

Entry Fee: \$75.00 per team for Team Tennis
 \$7.50 per individual for Singles & \$15.00 per doubles team
 Your school will be billed by Mr. Bob Tonkin at the conclusion of the fall sports season. **DO NOT SEND** entry fee with your entry.

Dates: Singles Tournament -Tuesday, September 30, 2008 / Finals - October 1, 2008
 Double Tournament – Tuesday, October 7, 2008 – One day only
 Team Tournament – First round (if necessary) –Monday, Oct 6, 2008
 Finals –Monday, October 13, 2008

Rain Dates: Singles Tournament – Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – one day tourney
Doubles Tournament – Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Entries: Singles – two entries per school
Doubles – two teams per school
Team Tournament – three singles & two doubles per team

Communications: All official communications will be between the District IX Tennis Chairman and the participating schools' Principal and/or Athletic Director. If an email address is supplied for the coach appropriate information on the tournament will be forwarded to each coach.

Facilities: The first day of competition in the District IX Girls Tennis Singles championship and the Doubles championship will be played in DuBois at the DuBois Area High School. The finals of the Singles tournament will be played at Benzinger Park in St. Marys. The tournament director reserves the right to move the sites of competition based on geographical considerations.

The District IX Girls Tennis "Team Championship" will be played at the higher seeded court up to the tournament finals. The tournament finals will be played on a neutral court. If a home court is used for the finals, that facility must meet the approval of both participating schools.

Admission Fees: There is no admission fee.

Team Information: The higher seeded team will be the home team.
Tennis balls will be provided by the tournament director.
Each match will consist of 3 singles players and 2 doubles teams.
No repeats. Singles players must be played in order of ability.

Singles & Doubles: Tennis balls will be provided by the tournament director.

Awards: Individual plaques for the District Champion and Runner Up will be presented at the Championship Site.

Seeding: Team Districts will be seeded as follows:
1. Overall record (including games played to and including 10/1/08)
2. Head to head
3. Match scores in head to head competition

Singles & Doubles – players will be placed in the bracket based on overall record.

State Tournament: Singles Tournament – October 31st and November 1st at Hershey Racket Club
Doubles Tournament – October 31st and November 1st at Hershey Racket Club

Team Tournament – October 21st – First Round
October 24th and 25th at Hershey Racket Club

Information on the State Girls' Tennis Tournament can be secured at www.piaa.org.