2020 MPA TENNIS BULLETIN
2/6/20

TENNIS SEASON DATES:
Friday, March 13, 2020 - Team Tennis Schedule ($35 Late Fee)
Monday, March 30, 2020 - First Practice
Thursday, April 16, 2020 - First Countable Match
Friday, April 17, 2020 – Tennis Eligibility Roster Due ($35 Late Fee)
Friday, May 1, 2020 - Singles Entry Due Date ($35 Late Fee)
Be aware of Default Fee! A $10 fee will be assessed per player substituted or withdrawn after Friday, May 1)

Please note for scheduling purposes:
• AP Exams will be on May 4-8 and May 11-15
• SAT Exams will be on May 2 and June 6
• ACT Exams will be on April 4 and June 13

Some of these dates will be in direct conflict with potential regular season scheduling, with MPA sponsored Team Championship events, and end-of-year Graduation activities. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!!!

Monday, May 4, 2020 – All singles forms in the hands of the Directors. No phoned, faxed, or emailed substitutions will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. on this date. ($10 substitution/withdrawal fee per player applies.)

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 - Singles Regional Qualifying Seeding Meeting – The school coach (only if in attendance) may make a substitution at this seeding meeting. Once the draw is finalized no substitutions will be allowed. Coaches should not bring substitute singles players to the qualifying site as they will not be allowed to participate.

Saturday, May 9, 2020 – Regional Singles Qualifying Round
Friday, May 22, 2020 – MPA Singles Championships … Round of 52 and Round of 32 at Lewiston High School. (Note: The respective field sizes have been increased to 52)

Saturday, May 23, 2020 – Round of 16 and Quarterfinals at Lewiston High School.


Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – The MPA Tennis Committee recommends that this be a school's/league’s last scheduled regular season play date. This will more easily allow for end of season makeup matches.

Thursday, May 28, 2020 – Last countable date for Team Tennis

Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 5, 2020– Online Team Tennis Sportsmanship Voting

Monday, June 1, 2020 – Regional Team Prelims at Higher Seed

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – Regional Team Quarterfinals @ Higher Seed – Matches may be played on Tuesday, June 2nd by mutual agreement

Saturday, June 6, 2020 – Regional Team Semifinals @ Higher Seed – Matches may be played on Friday, June 5th by mutual agreement.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – North Regional Team Finals at Bates College. (If rain, the Final will be moved to Apex Racket and Fitness).

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – South Regional Team Finals at Bates College (If rain, the Final will be moved to Apex Racket and Fitness).

Saturday, June 13, 2020 – State Team Championship at Lewiston High School
Due to the ever-increasing costs of sponsoring our high school tennis tournaments, the MPA now requires each member school to pay a $100 fee ($50 if the school sponsors tennis for only one gender) for participation in MPA sponsored team and singles play. This fee covers participation in all MPA sponsored team and singles play, including the entry for up to three male and three female participants in the MPA Singles Championship competition. For schools sponsoring cooperative individuals participating in the State Singles Championships, the fee will be $10 per player. The tennis season entry fee for schools competing in the MPA Singles and/or Team Tournament Championships will be invoiced by the MPA after the submission of the Singles Tournament Entry Form, which is due on Friday, May 1st, 2020.

**Important Reminders**

1. A maximum of 12 regular season team matches and a minimum of 8 team matches are the parameters for Heal Point Calculations. All matches are the best two of three tie break sets unless BOTH COACHES agree to another format before play starts.

2. Matches must be completed - there are NO Provisions for protests. Final rulings rest with the Home Administrator in case of disputes. It is important to follow all rules and regulations provided in the MPA Tennis Bulletin and Rulebook. If match issues arise, please contact the MPA Office, MPA Reps, or MPA Tournament Directors as listed in the MPA bulletin. If a match continues to completion the final result will stand.

3. It is expected that all players will be dressed in matching school issued uniforms and all coaches are expected to enforce this mandate. Transgressions should be reported to the offending school’s athletic administrator or principal. Players may wear warm-up gear over the required uniform if weather dictates. (see Team Tournament Uniform heading for the description of uniform requirements.

4. Once the coaches swap or introduce their line-ups no substitutions can be made unless the match is already decided. *This regulation remains in effect if a match has begun and is is postponed or interrupted for any reason.*

5. USTA rule books may be purchased from USTA PUBLICATIONS, 70 WEST RED OAK LANE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10604.

6. Regular Season Team Matches may end in a tie as in many other MPA Heal Point regulated team sports. However, All Team Tournament matches that end in a tie due to insufficient numbers of players must be resolved as follows: *Tie-breaker Format*; 1.) Total sets won, 2.) Total games won, 3.) Total sets in the singles matches won.

7. It is suggested that coaches sign each other’s scorebooks before leaving matches in order to verify team and individual results!

8. Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the regional qualifying seeding meetings prior to the start of the State Singles Championships to provide valuable and accurate information to help establish the correct seeding order and draw for all participating players. Coaches who choose not to attend should never be critical of the process or its outcome. It is important to get seedings correct at the regional meeting as that information helps establish player positioning for the entire singles championship. There will not be an additional seeding meeting for the round of 52.

9. Coaches must maintain an accurate ladder for all singles players and doubles teams. The coach may need to make his/her ladder results available to an opposing coach upon request.
10. Coaches must review all regular season and team tournament match hosting suggestions that are included in the MPA Tennis Bulletin and the MPA Tennis Rule Book.

11. Coaches should also review the Code of Ethics for Secondary School Activities provided in the MPA Tennis Rule Book.

12. There will be no ball striking or unauthorized tennis type warm-up activities during or immediately upon conclusion of the prescribed break periods. In the event of unforeseen circumstances that serve to significantly extend the prescribed breaks, a short warm-up period may be granted if approved by both opposing coaches.

APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO PLAYER ABSENCES

Over the years, there have been numerous transgressions of the rules dealing with substitutions due to player absence. Many, but not all, of these transgressions have been deemed unintentional by opposing coaches and the MPA Tennis Committee.

The following guidelines have been established to help clarify appropriate options to deal with player absence(s):

A. Teams that will not have a full seven-player team throughout the entire season:
   1. The three most highly ranked players on the singles challenge ladder must play singles throughout the season. The #1 player must be better than the #2 player, and the #2 player must be better than the #3 player.
   2. If a doubles match can be played, it must be at the #1 doubles position!

B. When a full complement of seven players is available but a regular player in the top seven is missing on a match day:
   1. If the missing team member is a singles player, the coach may (1) break up one or both of the doubles teams and play the eighth ranked player on one of the doubles teams, or (2) play the eighth ranked player as the #3 singles.
   2. If the missing team member is a doubles player, any doubles adjustment made by the coach is permissible.
   3. In both 1. and 2. above, the #1 doubles team must be stronger than the #2 team.

C. When fewer than seven players are available for a specific match:
   1. Six players available: default #3 singles or #2 doubles (depending whether a singles player or a doubles player is absent)
   2. Five players available: default #2 doubles
   3. Four players available: default both doubles or #3 singles and #2 doubles (depending on the combination of singles players and doubles players absent)
   4. Three players available: default both doubles
   5. Fewer than three players available: default the match
WEATHER CONDITIONS

The safety of athletes (participants), spectators, coaches/directors, school personnel, and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern to the contest officials and building administrators.

1. When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist, or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:
   a. Prior to beginning an athletic contest, when severe weather is anticipated, the head contest official and the principals of each school, or their designees, will meet to review the suspension and/or postponement procedures. This would include any playing rule book coverage.
   b. The host school administrator will be responsible for informing contest officials, visiting school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements of designated shelter areas.
   c. When lightning is observed, or thunder is heard in the vicinity of a contest conducted outdoors, play should be suspended.
   d. If any other life-threatening condition occurs, play should be suspended immediately, and predetermined directions to safe locations will be announced.

2. When a suspension of a contest occurs, the following should be considered:
   a. If the suspension is forty-five minutes or greater, resuming later should be considered, unless deemed a countable game (per NFHS rules of the first half of the game being completed).
   b. Play shall not be resumed until 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or clap of thunder.
   c. When it appears that weather conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of participants, spectators, or contest officials, administrators from all schools involved will meet with the head contest official to determine if play will continue.
   d. If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a fifteen-minute warm-up period prior to competition.

3. If evacuation is necessary, the following should be considered:
   a. If lighting is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators should evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced.
   b. All personnel, athletes and spectators should be clearly informed of available safe structures or shelters in the event a thunderstorm approaches. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced. The person in authority must be aware of the amount of time it takes to get to each structure and the number of persons each structure can safely hold. For large events, time needed for evacuation is increased and there must be a method (i.e., announcement over loud speaker) for communicating the need for evacuation and directing both athletes and spectators to the appropriate safe shelters.
   c. The most ideal structure is a fully enclosed, substantial building with plumbing, electrical wiring and telephone service, which aids in grounding the structure. A fully enclosed automobile with a hard metal roof and rolled up windows is also a reasonable choice. School buses are an excellent lightning shelter that can be utilized for large groups of people. However, it is important to avoid contact with any metal while inside the vehicle.

Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and do not use showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm as the current from a local lightning strike can enter the building via the plumbing pipelines or electrical connections. It is also considered unsafe to stand near utilities, use corded telephones or headsets during a thunderstorm, due to the danger of electrical current traveling through the telephone line. Cellular and cordless telephones are considered reasonably safe and can be used to summon help during a thunderstorm.
When caught in a thunderstorm without availability or time to reach safe structures, you can minimize the risk of lightning-related injury by following a few basic guidelines:

- Avoid being the highest object. Seek a thick grove of small trees or bushes surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch.
- Avoid contact with anything that would be attractive to lightning. Stay away from freestanding trees, poles, antennas, towers, bleachers, baseball dugouts, metal fences, standing pools of water, and golf carts.
- Crouch down with legs together, the weight on the balls of the feet, arms wrapped around knees, and head down with ears covered.

SINGLES TOURNAMENT

PROCEDURES FOR STATE SINGLES PLAY
The state singles individual player entry forms are due on Friday, May 1, 2020. A late fee of $35 will be assessed for forms not received by the due date. All player withdrawals and or substitutions after 3 PM on Monday, May 4 will result in an extra $10 per change penalty.

At the singles qualifying sites, each entrant must bring one unopened can of yellow USTA sanctioned to the matches. The winner of each individual match keeps the unopened can for his/her next match, while the loser keeps the tennis balls used for their match.

Each school is permitted a maximum of three girl and three boy representatives in the MPA State Singles Qualifying Tournament.

Substitutions will not be permitted once the draw is finalized at the regional qualifying seeding meeting. Fines will only apply to the original scheduled qualifying play date.

Schools are reminded that it is not a requirement to enter individuals in the MPA singles tournament. However, once a player is officially drawn to a line on the qualifying and/or state championship singles draw sheet, he or she becomes an official entry. There will be a default fee assessed to the school for each entered player who does not participate in the singles tournament after being assigned to a line on the draw-sheet.

Coaches should not bring substitute singles players to the qualifying site as they will not be allowed to play! (Teammates are certainly welcome in a support capacity)

The default fee schedule is as follows: The fee for a default in the qualifying round is $50. The fee structure increases to $75 for a default on the first day of the MPA Singles Championships and $100 for a default on the second day of the championship. The default fee for the final day is $125.

Seeding at the qualifying level is designed to recognize the top tennis players in a given draw, regardless of team, conference, section, or regional affiliation. Coaches should bring seeding documentation, including all match results to this meeting.

It is unethical for a coach to unduly promote his/her player for purposes of seeding. A form entitled “MPA Tennis State Singles Seeding Fact Sheet” is included in the MPA Rulebook to help facilitate the dispensing of player information at the regional seeding meeting.
Seeding Criteria
(In rank order and applicable throughout the entire MPA Singles Tournament, including the Qualifying Round and the MPA Singles Championships):
- Results of matches in the current MPA Tennis Season (Heal Point counting), including head-to-head matches between elite players who may be considered for seeding.
- Progression in the previous year’s MPA Singles Championships including head-to-head matches that may clarify the seeding of players.
- Should the seeding of players not be clearly defined by A and B above, the following criteria will be used (also in rank order):
  - Head-to-head results of non-Heal Point counting matches in the current tennis season.
  - Head-to-head results from previous MPA seasonal and tournament matches.
  - Local, sectional, and national rankings.
  - Documented head-to-head results in non-MPA junior and adult tournament play.
  - Close losses against higher rated players and comparative results against common opponents.

Construction of the Draw—State Singles Qualifying Tournaments:
A. Players will be seeded numerically, equal to the number of qualifying spots allotted to that region:
   Region 1 – 5 qualifiers
   Region 2 – 12 qualifiers
   Region 3 – 9 qualifiers
   Region 4 – 8 qualifiers
   Region 5 – 18 qualifiers

B. Play at the qualifying level will end when the designated number of qualifiers in a region have been determined. (Do not play down to a sectional champion.)

C. In the construction of the qualifying draws, only these two factors will be considered:
   1. Numerically seeded players must not meet
   2. Teammates must not meet

D. In constructing the draw, the tournament director/tournament committee must work backward starting with the number of qualifiers from that region.
   Example: Region 2 —57 entries; twelve qualifiers.
   Work backward from 12 qualifiers to 24 players to 48 players.
   Play nine preliminary round matches to reduce the field to the ideal size of 48. Then play two complete rounds to determine the twelve qualifiers.

E. Except for the final round of qualifying play, an eight game pro-set (with a Twelve-point tiebreaker at eight games) will be used.

F. The final round of qualifying play will be the best two of three tie-break sets.

The Qualifying Site Director must:
- Provide the opportunity for a reseeding meeting at the conclusion of that day’s play using a committee of site coaches as arbitrators.
- Immediately send the following information to the appropriate MPA officials (Stamped envelopes will be provided):
  1. The individual player information form as completed by each qualifier.
2. A complete listing of withdrawn/defaulting players (and their schools) from that region.
3. The results of the reseeding meeting if any changes in rank order are made.
4. A copy of the qualifying tournament draw sheet.

THERE WILL NOT BE A FORMAL SEEDING MEETING FOR THE ROUND OF 52.

ROUND OF 52 DRAW PROCEDURE
1. The players qualifying for the round of 52 in the singles tournament will be seeded by the director, after consulting with the regional site directors, experienced coaches and Athletic Administrators as well as knowledgeable tennis professionals in various areas of the state. Hopefully this cross-section of opinions will permit us to establish the fairest and most accurate seedings possible.

2. The draw for the boys' and girls' round of 52 championship singles tournament will be developed with the following guidelines:
   A. The top twelve players will be seeded numerically by ability.
      (1) If two (or more) teammates are seeded, every effort will be made to place them in separate halves (quarters) of the draw unless such placements result in obvious errors in seeding.
      (2) Non-seeded teammates must be placed in opposite halves (quarters) of the draw from other seeded/unseeded teammates.
   B. The numerically seeded players should be assigned to the 64 player draw sheet as follows:
      #1 seed – line 1; #8 seed – line 9; #9 seed – line 13; #4 seed – line #17;
      #5 seed – line 25; #12 seed – line 29; #11 seed – line 36; #6 seed – line 40;
      #3 seed – line 48; #10 seed – line 52; #7 seed – line 56; and #2 seed – line 64.
   C. The four quarters of the draw will then be constructed so that ten non-seeded players are randomly drawn to join the three seeded players in each quarter of the draw. Attention to [#2, A (1, 2) above] remains in effect.
   D. Only the twelve (12) numerical seeds will receive first round byes. All other qualifiers will play a first-round match.

In the MPA Singles Championships, all matches in the Round of 52 and in the Round of 32 portions of the draw will be two sets with a ten-point match tie-breaker used if the players split sets.

Matches beginning with the Round of 16 will be two of three tie break sets.

COACHING IN MPA SANCTIONED EVENTS
In both the Singles and Team Tournaments, coaches may coach individual players for no more than two minutes on the court at the completion of the first set.

After split sets coaching off-court may take place but play must resume within five minutes. Coaching will not extend the times allowed between sets.

While encouraging a player is certainly within the rules, any form of coaching, whether verbal or through signals, is strictly forbidden at all other times during a match.
FOR SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE SINGLES QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

If there are fewer than the maximum number of entries in a given qualifying region, there is now a vehicle in place to enable schools to enter one or two (limit two) additional players in the singles qualifying tournament for that region.

- Each regional site director will establish an optimum number of entries his/her region can comfortably accommodate for singles qualifying play.
- If the actual number of entries is less than the optimum number, additional entries will be accepted.
- The order of acceptance of these applicants will be determined by the number of Heal Points accumulated by the applicant player’s team as listed on the MPA Website on the morning of the Regional Seeding Meeting.
- There will be a place to declare application for the entry of additional players on the Singles Entry Form which is faxed by schools to the Maine Principals’ Association.
- There will be a $20 fee for each “additional applicant” who is accepted into the regional qualifying draw. The MPA will invoice this fee.
- A second applicant from a given school will not be accepted until the first applicant from each school that posts an application has been accepted.

MPA REGIONAL SEEDING MEETING SITES

Region 1 - Caribou High School
(Evan Graves: Director) W: 493-4260 email: egraves@rsu39.org

Region 2 – Hermon High School
(Joe Gallant: Director) C: 717-7206 email: jgallant@sad4.org

Region 3 – TBA
(Devin LaChapelle: Director-Boys) C: 649-5436 email: delachapelle@aos92.org
(Shelia Bohlin: Director-Girls) H: 833-6401 C: 522-2552 email: jsbohlin@myfairpoint.net

Region 4 - Lewiston High School
(Anita Murphy, Director-Girls) H: 783-3250 C: 333-8356
(Tom Leblond, Director-Boys) C: 577-6307

Region 5 - Falmouth High School
(Cooper Higgins: Chair) C: 650-0390 H: 797-3337 email: cooperhiggins@hotmail.com

SINGLES TOURNAMENT CLOTHING

Although team uniforms are not required, it is expected that all singles players will be dressed in tennis appropriate attire. All tops must be free of inappropriate wording or design and must be modest and tucked into or hang below the waistband of the shorts or skirt. The lower body garments must also be appropriate in wording, style, design, trim, and length. Tennis appropriate footwear with non-marking soles must be worn.
TENNIS PROTOCOL AT ALL SINGLES AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

- Glassware must not be taken onto the court.
- Most first-class tennis facilities prohibit gum chewing on all courts.
- All technological devices must be turned off or not taken onto the court by the players.
- Players must use appropriate language at all times.
- Common sense and courtesy should always prevail while playing tennis.

Saturday, May 9, 2020 - Regional Singles Qualifying Round
Postponement Date: In the event of a postponement on this date, the singles qualifying play will be rescheduled for a later date and at a time that best take into consideration the weather forecast, facility availability, and the specific needs of the MPA tennis season. Postponement will surely affect other school sponsored events and create inconveniences.

All matches prior to the actual qualifying round in the MPA Singles Qualifying Tournaments will be one "pro set" to eight (8) games, with a twelve-point tiebreaker played at 8-all. The qualifying round - where the winner advances to the "Round of 52" - will be the best two of three tie-break sets.

Reminder: All players must be checked-in and represented throughout the day by a coach who meets MPA eligibility standards or by a school representative, designated in writing by the principal or athletic administrator. This coaching replacement must meet the MPA coaches’ eligibility standards and appear on the school’s current coaches’ eligibility list. NO private coaches are to be on the courts at high school matches unless he / she is on the school’s eligibility list for coaches.

MPA STATE SINGLES QUALIFYING SITES AND INFORMATION
Region 1 - Caribou High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Dave Wakana B: 493-4260 email: dwakana@rsu39.org

Region 2 - Bangor High School Report: 8:00 a.m. Start: 8:30 a.m.
Director: Joe Gallant Cell: B: 717-7206 email: jgallant@sad4.org
Satellite Sites: Bangor, Hermon, Hampden, Old Town, Orono

Region 3 - Waterville High School–(Boys) Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Devin Lachapelle C: 649-5436 email: delachapelle@aos92.org

Region 3 - Mt. Ararat High School (Girls) Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Sheila Bohlin H: 833-6401 Cell: 522-2552 email: jsbohlin@myfairpoint.net

Region 4 - Lewiston High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Anita Murphy-Girls B: 783-3250 Cell: 333-8356
Director: Tom LeBlond-Boys Cell: 577-6307

Region 5 Portland Area
Chairman: Cooper Higgins C: 650-0390 H: 797-3337 email: Cooperhiggins@hotmail.com
Weather Phones for boys & girls: 712-3956 / 650-0390 / 615-9987
(Boys) – South Portland High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Jim Crocker H: 615-9987
Satellite Site - Waynflete School (Fore River Sports Complex)
(Girls) - Deering High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
M.P.A. SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Friday, May 22, 2020 – State Championship Round of 52 and Round of 32 at Lewiston High School. In the event of unplayable weather, all matches will be played at Apex Racket and Fitness, 2445 Outer Congress St., Portland, 04102 (Tel: 775-6128).

First Day (Friday) matches: Matches in the Round of 52 and in the Round of 32 in the MPA Singles Championships will be two sets with a ten point match tie-breaker should the players split sets. All matches beginning with the Round of 16 will be full two out of three set matches with a seven-point tie-breaker in all sets reaching 6-all.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP SITE: LEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL
(FOR PLAY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 22 & 23)

TOURNAMENT REPORT TIME ON FRIDAY, MAY 22: 7:45 AM, MATCH TIME: 8:00 AM.
Note: Not all players will have 8 AM matches. Please refer to the tournament website (www.tennistimes.webs.com) for individual report and match times.

Matches will be played indoors at Apex Racket and Fitness Center at 2445 Outer Congress Street in Portland if weather is an issue! This could result in time delay!

Reminder: As in qualifying play, all players must be checked-in and represented throughout the day by a coach who meets MPA eligibility standards or by a school representative, designated in writing by the principal or athletic administrator.

Saturday, May 23, 2020 – State Championship Round of 16 and Quarterfinals at Lewiston High School.

*** Weather and Site Phone for all Singles Tournament Play: 712-3956 ***
Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390
Tournament Director: Don Atkinson H: 772-7350 Cell: 712-3956

EVENT REPORT TIME: 8:45 AM, MATCH TIME: 9:00 AM
Players will be given individual report times after they have successfully completed the first day of play.
Matches will be played indoors at Apex Racket and Fitness Center in Portland if weather is an issue! This could result in time delay!

Monday, May 25, 2020 - Singles State Championship Semifinals and Finals at Bates College.
Weather and Site Phone: 712-3956
Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390
Tournament Director: Don Atkinson B: 874-8140 H: 772-7350, Cell: 712-3956
SEMI-FINALS REPORT TIME: 9:15 AM. MATCH TIME: 9:30 AM.
FINALS REPORT TIME: 12:45 PM, MATCH TIME: 1:00 PM.

Weather conditions could impact all report and start times.

Matches will be played indoors at the Racket and Fitness Center in Portland if weather is an issue! This could result in time delay!

**REGULAR SEASON PLAY DATES AND INFORMATION**
See MPA suggested regular season play dates below when constructing schedules to avoid potential conflicts.

**MPA suggested regular season play dates for the 2020 tennis season**
April 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, & 30. (Some of these dates may conflict with April vacation.) May 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26. May 27 and 28 should only be used for makeup matches.

**The season ends on May 28th! Reminder: Singles qualifying is on Saturday, May 9th and the MPA Singles Championships are on Friday, Saturday and Monday, May 22, 23 and 25. Please check SAT and ACT Testing Dates.**

The tennis committee has allowed each school more than enough play dates to complete a 12-match season. Please plan ahead so that you can comfortably complete your season and any makeup matches!

There should be enough dates allowed to complete a 12-match season without going back-to-back before postponements begin!

Do not put off postponed matches until the end of the season!

The MPA Tennis Committee strongly recommends that no regular season matches be scheduled after Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

**Thursday, May 28, 2020** - Last Date for Heal Point Countable Matches.
Unresolved matches will result in a loss for both teams.

**Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 5, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** – Online Team Tennis Sportsmanship Balloting.

**MPA TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENTS**
- All tournament matches may be played earlier than the scheduled date by mutual consent.
- No matches may be played after the scheduled date unless rained out.
- Schools may have both Boys and Girls teams in Preliminary or Tournament matches.
- We ask that schools extend every courtesy to facilitate scheduling of matches.
- Sequential tournament play must be followed. Do not set a play date on projected victories. Previous tournament victories must be official before subsequent tournament matches are scheduled.
Monday, June 1, 2020 – State Team Tournament Regional Prelim Rounds.
Site: Higher Seed
Time: 3:30 PM unless another time is agreed upon by BOTH teams.
Make-up: Tuesday, June 2 at 3:30 PM: Must be played indoors if needed!

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – State Team Tournament Regional Quarterfinals.
Site: Higher Seed. (This match may be played on Tuesday, June 2nd, if mutually agreed upon by both schools)
Time: 3:30 PM unless another time is agreed upon by BOTH teams.
Make-up: Thursday, June 4 at 3:30 PM Must be played indoors if needed!

Friday, June 5, 2020 – State Team Tournament Regional Semifinals.
Site: Higher Seed.
Time: 3:30 PM unless another time is agreed upon by BOTH teams.
Make-up: Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. Must be played indoors if needed!
This match can be played earlier than June 5 if both schools agree to a date and time!

REGIONAL & STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT FINALS

NORTHERN MAINE
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Based on weather forecasts and indoor/outdoor facility availability, these matches will
be moved indoors on the scheduled date.
Tournament Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390
Director: Don Atkinson Cell:712-3956 B: 772-7350
SITE: Bates College, Lewiston
A Championships REPORT: 8:45 A.M. MATCHES START: 9:00 A.M.
C Championships REPORT: 12:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:45 P.M.
B Championships REPORT: 4:00 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:30 P.M.

SOUTHERN MAINE
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Based on weather forecasts and indoor/outdoor facility availability, these matches will
be moved indoors on the scheduled date to Apex Racket and Fitness.
Tournament Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390
Director: Don Atkinson Cell:712-3956 B: 772-7350
Site: Bates College, Lewiston
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C Championships REPORT: 12:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:45 P.M.
B Championships REPORT: 4:00 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:30 P.M.

STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday, June 13, 2020
SITE: Bates College, Lewiston
Based on weather forecasts and indoor/outdoor facility availability, these matches will
be moved indoors on the scheduled date to Apex Racket and Fitness.
Weather and Site Phone: 712-3956
Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337
Director: Don Atkinson H: 772-7350
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C Championships REPORT: 12:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:45 P.M.
B Championships REPORT: 4:00 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:30 P.M.
PROCEDURES FOR TEAM TOURNAMENT

HEAL POINT REPORTING SYSTEM
The seeding for the tournament will be determined by using the Heal Point System. Athletic Directors are responsible for the reporting of home matches ASAP following the match’s completion. Coaches/athletic administrators are asked to enter results through the link on the MPA website. Please report all scheduled matches to the site as soon as matches are completed.

TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING MATCHES
1. The maximum number of countable matches is 12, the minimum number of countable matches is 8. Divisor is 8, if less than the recommended number of minimum matches is played.

2. If one team schedules a match as a countable match and its opponent does not, the match will not count for either school.

3. When teams do not play a regular season Heal point countable match that was submitted on their season schedule form, the tournament index divisor will not be reduced for either team.

4. Team schedules are due at the MPA office by March 13, 2020. A late fee ($35) will be assessed for team schedules not received by the due date.

TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION
1. Two-thirds of the schools in each region (North/South) in each class will qualify for the regional tournament. The Heal point system will be used to determine seeding for the team tennis tournament.

2. If two or more teams finish with identical heal point tournament ratings, the following tie-breaking system will be in effect:

   (a) If the tying teams are both (all) qualifiers for the tournament field, the numerical seeding will be defined by: 1) Head-to-head play, 2) A coin flip. If two teams are tied for the final playoff spot, and the tie is not resolved by head-to-head play, a one match playoff will be held with the home team determined by a coin flip.

   (b) In the event of a three- (or more) way tie for the final qualifying position(s), byes and pairings to determine the tournament qualifier(s), will be decided by a coin flip(s). All coin flips will take place at the MPA office.

3. Each school's boys and girls tennis eligibility rosters are due at the MPA office on or before April 17, 2020. A late fee of $35 will be assessed for forms not received by the due date.
SINGLES AND TEAM TOURNAMENT BALL
The ball for the team and singles tennis conducted by the MPA Tournament Committee will be the Wilson Extra Duty Hard Court Tennis Ball. The MPA will provide the balls for the MPA Singles Championship tournament and the regional and state team championships.

TEAM TOURNAMENT UNIFORMS
It is a requirement for all team members to be dressed in matching school issued uniforms (within reason: fading, dye lots, and sizing issues) throughout the entire match. All tops must be free of inappropriate wording or design, and must be modest and tucked into or hang below the waistband of the shorts or skirt. The lower body garments must also be matching in style, design, trim, and appropriate length. Matches may not be started until this requirement has been met! During the regular season matches the coaches are responsible for enforcing this requirement. All violations should be reported to the appropriate athletic administrator or principal.

TEAM TOURNAMENT AWARDS
At the Team Regional and State Team Tournaments, ten (10) medals will be awarded.

Schools may order additional medals on their own. Schools needing additional awards may contact Dinn Brothers at mkdinn@dinntrophy.com or 1-800-628-9657.

REGULAR SEASON AND TEAM TOURNAMENT HOSTING SUGGESTIONS
It is a privilege to host a Regional Team Tennis tournament match. However, it takes a significant amount of planning to conduct such an event well.

The following suggestions may aid the match director, local administrator, or coach in providing an outstanding experience for all involved!
- Set the time and date for the match as soon as possible.
- Notify the local press.
- Research indoor options if weather is predicted to be a problem.
- Clean the courts and verify that they are well marked, safe and all posts and nets are in good condition and at the proper height.
- Have Roll-Dri’s available in case of rain.
- Provide score cards if possible.
- Provide for a water source for all players.
- Bring a copy of the MPA Bulletin and Rule Book to the courts.
- Provide new USTA Approved tennis balls for each match.
- In conjunction with the visiting coach, establish the match order of play, match length, verify and announce match line-ups, establish any special ground rules, enforce the uniform rule, supervise matches, control spectators and establish viewing areas, record the score of the match and report it to the press.
TENNIS REGION ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLES PLAY

Team assignments to sections and regions for purposes of seeding meetings and singles/team tennis tournament qualification and progression:

**Region 1**
Dave Wakana  
W: 493-4260  
Caribou  
Fort Kent  
Houlton  
Madawaska  
Presque Isle  
Van Buren  
Woodland

**Region 2**
Joe Gallant  
Cell: 717-7206  
Bangor  
Belfast  
Brewer  
Calais  
Deer Isle-Ston.  
Dexter  
Ellsworth  
Foxcroft  
GeorgeStevens  
Hampden  
Hermon  
John Bapst  
Lee Academy  
Maine Central  
Mattanawcook  
Mt. Desert  
Old Town  
Orono  
Penobscot  
Piscataquis  
Shead  
Schenck/  
Sears  
Sumner  
Washington

**Region 3**
Devin  
LaChapelle  
(Boys)  
Cell: 725-4690  
Sheila Bohlin  
(Girls)  
H: 833-6401  
Cell: 522-2552  
Boothbay  
Brunswick  
Camden Hills  
Cony  
Erskine  
Gardiner  
Lawrence (B)  
Lincoln  
Medomak  
Messalonskee  
Morse  
Mt. Ararat  
Oceanside  
Skowhegan  
Waterville  
Winslow  
Wiscasset

**Region 4**
Tom Leblond  
(Boys)  
Cell: 577-6307  
Anita Murphy  
(Girls)  
H: 783-3250  
Cell: 333-8356  
Carrabec  
Dirigo  
Edward Little  
Hall-Dale  
Lewiston  
Lisbon  
Madison  
Maranacook  
Mt. Blue  
Mountain  
Valley  
Oak Hill (G)  
Spruce Mtn.  
St. Dominic  
Winthrop

**Region 5**
Cooper  
Higgins  
H: 797-3337  
Cell: 650-0390  
Biddeford  
Bonny Eagle  
Cape Elizabeth  
Cheverus  
Deering  
Falmouth  
Freeport  
Gorham  
Greely  
Kennebunk (B)  
Kennebunk/  
Wells (G)  
Marshwood  
Massabesic  
North  
Yarmouth  
Portland  
Scarborough  
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