

2016-2017 MPA TENNIS BULLETIN

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TENNIS SEASON

Friday, March 3, 2017 - Team Tennis Schedule Due (\$35 Late Fee)

Monday, March 27, 2017 - First Practice

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - First Countable Match

Friday, April 14, 2017 – Tennis Eligibility Roster Due (\$35 Late Fee)

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - Singles Entry Due Date (\$10.00 fee per player - \$35 Late Fee - Be aware of Default Fee! (pay for a maximum of three players) An additional \$10 fee will be assessed per player substituted after May 5)

The weeks of May 1-5 and May 8-12 are AP Exams!

Friday, May 5, 2017- All singles forms in the hands of the Directors.

Monday, May 8, 2017 – No phoned, faxed, or emailed substitutions will be accepted after 1:00 p.m. on this date. (\$10 substitution fee per player applies.)

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - Singles Regional Qualifying Seeding Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2017 – Regional Singles Qualifying Round

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – Recommend that this is a school's last regular season scheduled match.

Thursday, May 25, 2017 – Last countable date for Team Tennis. **Season is complete!**

Friday, May 26, 2017– Online Sportsmanship Balloting

Friday, May 26, 2017 – Round of 48 Prelims and Round of 32 (Colby College)

Saturday, May 27, 2017 – Round of 16 and Quarterfinals (Colby College)

Monday, May 29, 2017 – Singles Semifinals/Finals (Bates)

Tuesday, May 30, 2017– Regional Team Prelims at Higher Seed.

Thursday, June 1, 2017– Regional Team Quarterfinals @ Higher Seed

Saturday, June 3, 2017 – Regional Team Semifinals @ Higher Seed (SAT's)

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – North Regional Team Finals (Colby College– rain date June 7)

Thursday, June 8, 2017 – South Regional Team Finals (Bates College – Racket and Fitness Club in the event of rain)

Saturday, June 10, 2017 – State Team Championship (Colby College)

Important Reminders: It is recommended that coaches sign each other's scorebooks before leaving matches in order to verify team and individual match results!

- All matches are the best two of three tie break sets unless both coaches agree to another format.
- Matches must be completed-there are no provisions for protests. Final rulings rest with the host administrator. Please follow all MPA rules and regulations.
- If match issues arise, contact the MPA office, MPA Reps, or MPA tournament directors as listed in the MPA Bulletin.

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

APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO PLAYER ABSENCES:

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:

*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 doubles 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*

D. In all MPA Team Tournament play Rule A will govern play. In a match where a tie could exist the tie breaker format will be:

- a) Total sets won
- b) Total games won
- c) Total sets in the Singles matches won

WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. 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.

When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:

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.

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.

When lightning is observed in the vicinity of a contest, play should be suspended immediately and not resumed for 30 minutes after the last visual sighting of lightning. 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: If the suspension is forty-five minutes or greater, resuming at a later date should be considered.

Play shall not be resumed until **30 minutes** after the last flash of lightning.

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.

If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a fifteen-minute warm-up period prior to competition.

If evacuation is necessary, the following should be considered:

If lightning 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.

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.

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 thunder-storm, 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 free-standing 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

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Singles Entry Due Date (\$35 late fee applies)

Monday, May 8, 2017 – No phoned, faxed, or emailed substitutions will be accepted after 1:00 p.m. on this date. (\$10 substitution fee per player applies.)

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - Singles Regional Qualifying Seeding Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (Only coaches or school designated representatives may make substitutions in person. The \$10 per player **withdrawal or** substitution fee applies.)

Region 1 - Caribou High School

(Dave Wakana: Director) B: 493-4260 H:

Region 2 – Piscataquis Community High School

(Joe Gallant: Director) Cell: B: 343-1072

Region 3 – Boys Brunswick High School – Girls Mt. Ararat HS

(Sewall Janeway: Director-Boys) B: 841-5477
(Sheila Bohlin: Director-Girls) H: 833-6401 C: 522-2552

Region 4 - Lewiston High School

(Anita Murphy, Director-Girls) B: H: 783-3250 C: 333-8356
(Tom Leblond, Director-Boys) 577-6307 or 786-3523

Region 5 - Falmouth High School

(Cooper Higgins: Chair) C: 650-0390 H: 797-3337

(Be aware of possible default fees.)

NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED AFTER DRAW IS COMPLETED.

(All absent players will be considered defaults **if the tournament is held on the originally schedule day.**)

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

Glassware must not be taken onto the court.

Most first-class tennis facilities prohibit gum chewing on all courts.

All cell phones 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 13, 2017 - 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 tie-breaker played at 8-all. The qualifying round - where the winner advances to the "Round of 48" - 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, who meets the coaches' eligibility standards and appears 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.**

Region 1 - **Caribou High School** **Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.**
Director: Dave Wakana B: 493-4260 H:

Region 2 - **Bangor High School** **Report: 8:00 a.m. Start: 8:30 a.m.**
Director: Joe Gallant Cell: B: 343-1072
Satellite Sites: Brewer, Hermon, Hampden, Old Town, Bangor

Region 3 - **Brunswick High School**-(Boys) **Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.**
Director: Sewall Janeway Cell: 841-5477

Region 3 - **Mt. Ararat H.S. (Girls)** **Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.**
Director: Sheila Bohlin H: 833-6401 Cell: 522-2552

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

Region 5 **Portland Area**
Chairman: Cooper Higgins C: 650-0390 H: 797-3337
Weather and Site Phone: 712-3956 (Girls)

(Boys) – South Portland Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Jim Crocker H: 615-9987
Satellite Sites: Waynflete, Cape Elizabeth
(Transportation to sites may be needed.)

(Girls) - Deering High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.
Director: Don Atkinson © 712-3956 H: 772-7350
Satellite Sites – Cheverus, Payson Park
(Transportation to sites may be needed.)

Friday, May 26, 2017 – State Championship Round of 48 and Round of 32 at **(Colby College)**. All matches will be played at **Colby College** unless conditions dictate otherwise.

All matches in the Round of 48 will be full two out of three set matches with a seven point tie-breaker.

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

PRELIM REPORT TIME: 8:15 a.m. MATCH TIME: 8:30 a.m.
Matches will be played indoors at the Racket and Fitness Center in Portland if weather is an issue! This could result in time delay!

FIRST ROUND REPORT TIME: 1:00 p.m. MATCH TIME: 1:15 p.m.
Matches will be played indoors at the Racket and Fitness Center in Portland if weather is an issue! This could result in time delay!

***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.**

Saturday, May 27, 2017 – State Championship Round of 16 and Quarterfinals at **Colby College**.

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

REPORT TIME: 8:45 a.m. MATCH TIME: 9:00 a.m. (All Players)

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

Monday, May 29 2017 - 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 a.m. MATCH TIME: 9:30 a.m.
FINALS REPORT TIME: 1:15 p.m. MATCH TIME: 1:30 p.m.

**Prolonged or short matches could impact championship times.
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!**

PROCEDURES FOR STATE SINGLES PLAY

The state singles individual player entry forms are due on May 2, 2017. A late fee of \$35 will be assessed for forms not received by the due date. **Individual tennis players from schools that do not have a tennis team may enter the singles state tournament only if they have been attached to another school's team by a cooperative agreement. Each school must send a fee of \$10 per singles tournament entrant along with the singles tournament entry form. All player withdrawals and or substitutions after the May 2, 2017 date will result in an extra \$10 per player.**

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 drawsheet, a \$50/\$75/\$100 progressive per player default fee (regardless of the reason for said default) will be assessed. **Waivers will be considered on make-up dates.**

It is important that your school be represented at the regional seeding meeting to insure the proper seeding of all players. Other than the regular team coach, representatives must be designated in writing by the school administration. Coaches not in attendance at sectional and/or state seeding meetings should not be critical of the seeding process or its outcomes.

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. **THERE WILL BE NO SEEDING MEETING FOR THE ROUND OF 48.**

It is **unethical** for a coach to unduly promote his/her player for purposes of seeding.

Seeding Criteria (in rank order)

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.

7. 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 - 4	Region 3 - 8	Region 5 - 17
Region 2 - 11	Region 4 - 8	

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 I—57 entries; five qualifiers.

Work backward from five qualifiers to ten players, to 20 players to 40 players.
Play 17 preliminary round matches to reduce the field to the ideal size of 40.

E. Except for the final round of qualifying play, an eight game pro-set (with a twelve point tie-breaker 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:

Conduct a reseeding meeting at the conclusion of that day's play using a pre-formed committee of site coaches as arbitrators.

Immediately send the following information to the MPA Tennis Tournament Chairperson.

The individual play information form as completed by each qualifier.
A complete listing of defaulting players (and their schools) from that region.

All reseeding information

A copy of the qualifying tournament drawsheet.

8. Each school is permitted a maximum of **three girl** and **three boy** representatives in the MPA State Singles Qualifying Tournament. A **\$10 entry fee**, payable to the MPA, is required for each participant **before** he/she can be assigned a line on the official singles

tournament qualifying drawsheet. The school will be assessed an additional \$10 per player for any substitutions made after Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

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

10. There will be a default fee assessed to the school for each player who does not participate in the singles tournament after being assigned to a line on the drawsheet. The default fee schedule is as follows: **\$50 for a default in the qualifying round, \$75 for a default in the round of 48 and \$100 for a default in the final four.** **Substitute players will not be allowed into any MPA-sponsored Singles Tournament event after the seeding for that event has been completed.**

ROUND OF 48 DRAW PROCEDURE

1. **The players qualifying for the round of 48 in the singles tournament will be seeded by the director**, after consulting with the coaches. **The \$75 default fee for absence on Friday and the \$100 default fee for absence on Saturday will remain in effect throughout the championship singles tournament.**

2. The draw for the boys' and girls' round of 48 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 draw sheet as follows: #1 seed – line 1; #8 seed – line 5; #9 seed – line 7; #4 seed – line #9; #5 seed – line 13; #12 seed – line 15; #11 seed – line 18; #6 seed – line 20; #3 seed – line 24; #10 seed – line 26; #7 seed – line 28; and #2 seed – line 32.**

C. The four quarters of the draw will then be constructed so that non-seeded players join the two seeded players in each quarter of the draw.

Four non-seeded but highly rated players will then be randomly drawn and placed on lines 3, 11, 22, 30 of the draw sheet, with attention still given to [#2, A (2)]. These players may come from any of the state's five tennis regions and will come from a pool of players considered for numerical seeding.

32 qualifying players will be randomly assigned to draw sheet lines 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, 6a, 6b, 8a, 8b, 10a, 10b, 12a, 12b, 14a, 14b, 16a, 16b, 17a, 17b, 19a, 19b, 21a, 21b, 23a, 23b, 25a, 25b, 27a, 27b, 29a, 29b, 31a, 31b. Attention to [#2, A (2) above] remains in effect.

D. The winners of these preliminary matches will advance to the 'Round of 32', joining the twelve seeded and four placed players.

In the MPA round of 48 singles championship tournament, all matches will be two of three tie break sets.

COACHING

Singles and Team Tournament-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 5 minutes.

Coaching will not extend the times allowed between sets.

TEAM TOURNAMENT

See MPA suggested regular season play dates below when constructing schedules to avoid potential conflicts.

MPA suggested regular season play dates:

April, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29. (These dates may conflict with April vacation.)

May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 . 2017.

The tennis committee has allowed each school more than enough play dates to complete a 12 match season by scheduling most singles tennis dates on unavailable or on not suggested play dates! Please plan ahead so that you can comfortably complete your season!

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 recommends that no regular season matches be scheduled after Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

Thursday, May 25, 2017 - Last Date for Heal Point Countable Matches.

Unresolved matches will result in a loss for both teams.

Thursday, May 25, 2017– Online Sportsmanship Balloting

TEAM TOURNAMENT

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 scheduled.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 – State Team Tournament Regional Prelim Rounds.

Site: Higher Seed.

Time: **3:30 p.m.** unless another time is agreed upon by **BOTH** teams.
Make-up: Wednesday, **May 31** at 3:30 p.m. Must be played indoors if needed!

This match can be played earlier if the final Heal Point standings have been officially verified by the MPA Office and both schools agree. (No Sunday play)

Thursday, June 1, 2017 – State Team Tournament Regional Quarterfinals.

Site: Higher Seed.

Time: **3:30 p.m.** unless another time is agreed upon by **BOTH** teams.
Make-up: Friday, **June 2rd** at 3:30 p.m. Must be played indoors if needed!

This match can be played earlier than June 1, if the final Heal Point standings have been officially verified by the MPA Office and both schools agree. Sequential tournament play must be followed. Do not set up a play date on projected victories. Previous tournament victories must be official. (No Sunday play)

Saturday, June 3, 2017 – State Team Tournament Regional Semifinals.

Site: Higher Seed.

Time: **1:00 p.m.** unless another time is agreed upon by **BOTH** teams.
Make-up: Monday, **June 5th** at 3:30 p.m. Must be played indoors if needed!

This match can be played earlier than June 3 if both schools agree to a date and time! Sequential tournament play must be followed. Do not set up a play date on projected victories. Previous tournament victories must be official. (No Sunday play)

STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT REGIONAL FINALS

NORTHERN MAINE

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 (rain date Wednesday, June 7, 2017) (Colby College)

Based on weather forecasts and indoor/outdoor facility availability, these matches may be moved indoors on the scheduled date or postponed to the next day.

STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN:

Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390

NORTH

Director: Don Atkinson Cell: 712-3956 B: 772-7350

SITE: Colby College

A Championships REPORT: 9:45 A.M. MATCHES START: 10:00 A.M.

C Championships REPORT: 12:45 P.M. MATCHES START: 1:00 P.M.

B Championships REPORT: 3:45 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:00 P.M.

SOUTH

Director: Don Atkinson Cell: 712-3956 H: 772-7350

SOUTHERN MAINE

Thursday, June 8, 2017

SITE: BATES COLLEGE

A Championships REPORT: 9:00 A.M. MATCHES START: 9:15 A.M.

C Championships REPORT: 12:30 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:45 P.M.

B Championships REPORT: 4:00 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:15 P.M.

STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, June 10, 2017

SITE: Colby College

If matches cannot be played outdoors as scheduled, the matches may be moved indoors or the next playable date.

Weather and Site Phone:	712-3956
Chairman: Cooper Higgins	H: 797-3337
Director: Don Atkinson	H: 772-7350
Referee:	Cell: B:

A Championships REPORT: 9:45 A.M. MATCHES START: 10:00 A.M.

C Championships REPORT: 12:45 P.M. MATCHES START: 1:00 P.M.

B Championships REPORT: 3:45 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:00 P.M.

PROCEDURES FOR TEAM TOURNAMENT

RULE BOOKS

USTA rule books may be purchased from: USTA Publications, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604.

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. A tie in final Heal Point ratings will be decided by using head-to-head competition. If a tie still exists, the high seed will be determined by a flip of a coin unless it is for the last play-off bracket position. In case of a mathematical tie for the last position after using the tie breaking procedure then a play-in game will be held with the home site determined by a flip of a coin.

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 4, 2016. A late fee (\$35) will be assessed for forms not received by the due date.

TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

1. **Two-thirds** of the schools in each region (east/west) in each class will qualify for the regional tournament.

The Heal point system will be used to determine seeding for the team tennis tournament.

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

2. 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. NOTE: 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 14, 2017. A late fee of \$35 will be assessed for forms not received by the due date.
4. Coaches and spectators must stay in the predetermined areas as determined by the home school administration or MPA tennis officials at major events.

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 Round of 48 singles tournament and the regional final and state team championships.

TEAM TOURNAMENT UNIFORMS

It has now become a requirement for all team members to be dressed in matching uniforms (within reason: fading, dye lots, and sizing issues) throughout the entire match. All tops must be identical, 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 identical 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 regionals and States, Ten (10) medals will be awarded. Schools may order

additional medals on their own.

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.

Search for 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 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.

REGIONS

<u>Region 1</u>	<u>Region 2</u>	<u>Region 3</u>	<u>Region 4</u>	<u>Region 5</u>
Dave Wakana B: 493-4260 H: Caribou Fort Kent Houlton Madawaska Presque Isle Van Buren Woodland	Joe Gallant Cell: 343-1072 H: 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 Stearns/Schenck Sumner Washington	Sewall Janeway (Boys) Cell: 841-5477 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	Anita Murphy H: 783-3250 Cell: 333-8356 Carrabec Dirigo Edward Little Hall-Dale Lewiston Lisbon Madison Mt. Blue Mountain Spruce Mtn. St. Dominic Winthrop	Cooper Higgins B: 781-7429 H: 797-3337 Biddeford Bonny Eagle Cape Elizabeth Cheverus Deering Falmouth Freeport Gorham Greely Kennebunk Marshwood Massabesic North Yarmouth Portland Scarborough South Portland Thornton Waynflete Westbrook Windham Yarmouth York

TENNIS CLASSIFICATION

CLASS A 675+	CLASS B 400-674	CLASS C 0-399
NORTH	NORTH	NORTH
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lewiston (1318) 2. Bangor (1169) 3. Oxford Hills (G) (1072) 4. Edward Little (977) 5. Brunswick (821) 6. Mt. Ararat (804) 7. Messalonskee (G) (784) 8. Skowhegan (775) 9. Mt. Blue (696) 10. Brewer (693) 11. Cony (693) 12. Hampden (691) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lawrence (674) (B)* 2. Camden Hills (669) 3. Waterville (583) 4. Oceanside (571) 5. Erskine (554) 6. Medomak (546) 7. Presque Isle (544) 8. Belfast (530) 9. Mt. Desert (519) 10. Hermon (498) 11. Old Town (476) 12. John Bapst (470) 13. Foxcroft (464) 14. Winslow (464) 15. Ellsworth (459) 16. Caribou (442) 17. Maine Central (436) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washington (374) 2. Mattanawcook (348) 3. Orono (346) 4. Houlton (332) 5. George Stevens (320) 6. Schenck/Stearns (315) 7. Dexter (313) 8. Fort Kent (295) 9. Sumner (248) 10. Lee Academy (236) 11. Piscataquis (217) 12. Calais (211) 13. Penobscot (172) 14. Madawaska (164) 15. Woodland (150) 16. Deer Isle (105) 17. Shead (108) 18. Van Buren (89)
SOUTH	SOUTH	SOUTH
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thornton (1422) 2. Bonny Eagle (1134) 3. Kennebunk/Wells (1103) (G) 4. Sanford (1047) 5. Scarborough (1034) 6. Massabesic (1019) 7. Windham (1005) 8. Deering (927) 9. Portland (868) 10. South Portland (846) 11. Gorham (838) 12. Biddeford (775) 13. Marshwood (739) 14. Westbrook (722) 15. Falmouth (710) 16. Cheverus (465) 17. Maine Girls Academy (G) (398) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kennebunk (673) 2. Greely (664) 3. York (625) 4. Gardiner (594) 5. Morse (586) 6. Cape Elizabeth (555) 7. Lake Region (G) (524) 8. Freeport (511) 9. Yarmouth (496) 10. Lincoln Academy (473) 11. Spruce Mountain (465) 12. Oak Hill (G) (433) 13. Maranacook (G) (421) 14. Mountain Valley (418) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lisbon (384) 2. Dirigo (314) 3. Hall-Dale (303) 4. Madison (260) 5. Waynflete (260) 6. Winthrop (227) 7. Carrabec (211) 8. Boothbay (206) 9. Wiscasset (202) 10. St. Dominic (197) 11. North Yarmouth (167)

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