

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

To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches

AAA Schools: (1) - DuBois Area

AA Schools: (7) - Bradford Area, Brockway Area, Clearfield Area, Elk County Catholic, Johnsonburg Area, Punxsutawney Area, St. Mary's Area

From: Aaron Straub, District IX Tennis Chairman

Date: September 21, 2023

Re: 2023 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. 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: DuBois Area will participate with District VIII & X in a "AAA" sub-regional tournament. District IX's seven "AA" teams and competitors will qualify for the PIAA State Tournament through the District IX Tournament.

Eligibility: Open Team Tournament. Individual Tournament - two entries in the singles tournament and two team entries in the doubles tournament.

Entry Deadline: Team Tournament entry form is due on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 9:00PM.
*** *Include any D-9 matches played up to and INCLUDING September 28th.*

Singles Tournament entry form is due on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 9:00PM.
*** *Include any D-9 matches played up to and INCLUDING September 28th*

Doubles Tournament entry form is due on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at noon
*** *Include any D-9 matches played up to and INCLUDING October 3rd*

E-Mail your entries. Please complete your entry forms electronically so all calculations can be made on the form.

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Entry Forms: Entry forms and links to 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 Procedure: Singles – submit the singles entry form
Doubles – submit the doubles entry form
Team – submit the team entry form & submit the PIAA Ladder Line-up form

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per team for Team Tennis
\$10.00 per individual for Singles & \$10.00 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 - Monday, October 2, 2023 & Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Double Tournament – Monday, October 9, 2023 – one day tournament
Team Tournament – If 5 or more teams enter:
Quarter-Finals Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Semi-Finals –Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Finals –Monday, October 16, 2023
****If 4 or less teams enter:**
Semi-Finals on Wednesday October 4th
Finals on Wednesday, October 11th

Rain Dates: Singles Tournament – Tuesday, October 3rd – one day tournament with modifications
Doubles Tournament –Tuesday, October 10th
Team Tournament – Thursday, 5th; Thursday, 12th; Friday 13th;
Tuesday 17th , 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st.

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. Coaches should have their Athletic Directors communicate any issues or concerns to the Tournament Director.

Facilities: Day one of the District IX Girls Tennis Singles championship and the entire Doubles championship will be played at **DuBois Area High School**. Day two of the Singles championship will be played at a site and time TBA. Should DuBois Area be unwilling, or unable to host due to circumstances out of their control, an alternate site will be chosen for the tournament.

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 at a neutral site. The tournament director reserves the right to hold the team tournament finals at the higher seeded team in the event that a neutral site can not be secured.

Admission Fees: There is no admission fee. Fans are welcome.

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.
The better of the two doubles teams must play in the #1 doubles position.
The Team Tournament Director reserves the right to play a 10-point match tie-break set in lieu of the standard six-game third set after one of the competing teams has secured three wins.

Teams are expected to follow a ladder format as follows:

- #1 Singles – teams best player
- #2 Singles – teams second best player
- #3 Singles – teams third best player

#1 Doubles – this team can be comprised of any combination of the remaining players on your team regardless of their ranking on the team. This team **MUST** be the better of the two doubles teams that are entered in the tournament.

#2 Doubles – this team can be comprised of any combination of the remaining players on your team regardless of their ranking on the team. This team **MUST** be the weaker of the two doubles teams that are entered in the tournament.

*** Should a dispute occur as to which of the two doubles teams is the strongest, and the dispute can not be resolved by the tournament director, the school will play at #1 doubles the team that has the lowest numeric score when adding the players rank number from the strength of schedule ladder.*

Team Ladder: Please use the official “Team Ladder Form” to complete the schools line-up.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewHCa-tnGW4m_VZKM37Ur1jM0L1QAxaxls-cuJzS6aw0UPDg/viewform

This form is required to be filled out prior to the start of your first match and then can NOT be altered throughout the tournament.

Tennis Balls: Tennis balls will be provided by the tournament director for all tournaments.

Awards: Individual Medals will be awarded to the District Champion and Runner Up.

Team Seeding: Team Districts will be seeded based on matches played vs. D-9 AA schools. Here is the criteria that a seeding committee will use to formulate a final ranking for the tournament:

1. Power ranking - (including matches played to and including **9/28/2023**)
2. Head to head
3. Match scores in head to head competition
4. Record (winning %) of the teams that the tied teams defeated
5. Other information provided to the committee
6. Coin toss will be used if the committee can not make an objective decision

Singles Tourney: Tournament format:
First Round Match: 10 game pro-set
Quarter-Finals: 10 game pro-set
Semi-Finals: best 2 of 3 game set
Finals: best 2 of 3 game set

Doubles Tourney: Tournament format:
First Round Match: 10 game pro-set
Quarter-Finals: 10 game pro-set
Semi-Finals: best 2 of 3 game set
Finals: best 2 of 3 game set

Individual Seeding: Singles & Doubles – players will be placed in the tournament bracket based on the following criteria: overall record (vs. D-9 AA opponents), position played in the individual matches, and strength of the overall field and competition played. This could be a subjective seeding based on information provided.

Players from the same school “*may*” meet in the District Semi-finals depending on their placement in the draw. (Will make every attempt to make sure that this does not happen).

Two #1 players or two #2 players “*may*” meet in the District Quarter-finals or semi-finals depending on their placement in the draw.

State Tournament: Singles Tournament
First round November 3rd. Opening round is 9-1 vs. 7-2
Second round November 3rd – Quarter-finals
Semi-finals and finals November 4th at the Hershey Racket Club

Doubles Tournament
First round November 3rd Opening round is 9-1 vs 7-2
Second round November 3rd – Quarter-finals
Semi-finals and finals November 4th at the Hershey Racket Club

Team Tournament – First round will be played on October 24, 2023
First round match up on 10/24/23 is 9-1 traveling to 7-1
Semi-Finals & Finals – October 27th and 28th at Hershey Racket Club

Information on the State Girls’ Tennis Tournament can be secured at
https://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=tennis&gender=girls

Note: Athletic administrators & school principals are responsible for the accuracy on all forms. Please double check all scores before submitting them to the tournament director.