

**2024 P.I.A.A. DISTRICT IX “AA”
BOYS’ TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – SINGLES TOURNAMENT
COACHES AND PLAYERS INFORMATION**

1. The first two rounds of the tournament will be 10-game pro-set. Semi-finals & finals – best of 3 sets with set tiebreakers used for all sets. Set tie-breaker - first player to 7 points win by 2.
2. The courts at DuBois Area will be open at 3:00 PM for warm-up and at Benzinger they will open at 1:30.
3. District IX and the PIAA will furnish Wilson tennis balls for all matches.
4. Players will be given a 10-minute warm-up period before each match.
5. Time and site schedule are subject to change by the Tournament Director.
6. All matches scheduled for Monday May 6th will be played at DuBois High School. The Semi-final and finals will be played on Tuesday, May 7th at Benzinger Park in St. Marys.
7. A first-place medal will be presented to the District IX Class “AA” Singles Champions. A runner-up medal will be presented to the second-place finisher.
8. The District IX Singles Champion will represent District IX at the P.I.A.A. State Singles Tournament at the Hershey Racket Club on May 24th and May 25th. The Singles Champions may not elect to give up their spot and contend for the District IX Doubles Championship.
9. 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. Coaching will be prohibited during these changes of sides.
10. Coaches will be limited to advising or instructing contestants during competition as follows: one designated and school approved 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. For the pro-set matches - Coaching is permitted after the 5th game, after the 11th game and prior to tie-break at 10 all.
11. Any player who suspect’s improper line calls on the part of their opponent may ask the Tournament Director for a court monitor. Once the monitor is assigned to a court, he will settle any disputes, and his decision will be final.
12. All spectators and coaches must stay behind the fences. Spectators and coaches may not carry on a conversation with a player during the match. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to Benzinger Park as a limited number of benches are available.
13. Restrooms are available at the Fieldhouse at DuBois Area and at the Park building at Benzinger Park.
14. 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 the 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 – game; fourth - default

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- (a) Profane or obscene language or gestures, when not directed at a person or persons: First offense, warning; second offense, point; third offense, game; fourth offense, default. When directed at an official, opponent, or spectator(s): First offense, point; second offense, game; third offense, default.
- (b) Abuse of racquet, balls, equipment; such as hitting or kicking ball out-of-court: First offense, warning; second offense, point; third offense, game; fourth offense, default.
- (c) Major unsportsmanlike acts, such as hitting a ball at or near an official, ball boy, linesman, or spectator(s) or intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent: First offense, two points; second offense game; third offense, default.
- (d) Single flagrant unsportsmanlike acts, such as physical attacks; injury to an official or player through an act of racket or ball abuse; spitting on a person; and racial, religious, and sexual orientation slurs. First offense, default.