

# **SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE: Girls' Tennis: Sport Guidelines**

## **I. Season Limitations**

- A. Practice may begin on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.
- B. First contest may be held on Monday, August 24, 2009.
- C. Season ends on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

## **II. Contest Limitations (Exclusive of the IHSA State Series)**

20 dates

## **III. Levels of Competition**

- A. Varsity
- B. Sophomore

## **IV. Coaches Meeting**

- A. Pre-Season will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Lincoln-Way West High School at 7:00 pm. as a part of the SWSC Fall Mega-meeting.
- B. Post-season meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at Bananas at 6:00 p.m.

## **V. Championships and Awards**

- A. Division Team Championships
  1. A championship trophy shall be awarded to the winner at the Varsity level of each Division Championship Tournament.
  2. An engraved plate will be awarded to the winner at the Sophomore level of each Division Championship Tournament.
- B. Individual Awards
  1. The top (3) places (*blue division*) and top four (4) places (*red division*) will be awarded medals in each flight at the Varsity level in the Divisional Championship Tournament. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> flights will be declared All-Conference.
  2. The top (3) places (*blue division*) and top four (4) places (*red division*) will receive awards for each flight at the sophomore level
  3. Point System for SWSC Conference Championship Tournament shall be as follows:
    - a. Two (2) points for each match won
    - b. Two (2) points for each received default, forfeit, or bye
    - c. One (1) point for winning the third place match
    - d. If a school doesn't enter a singles player or a doubles team, it will be treated as a "Forfeit". If possible, a forfeit or a bye shall not be drawn to the same first round bracket.

## **VI. Terms of Contests**

- A. Dual Meets
  1. Division Format: That play consists of matches between three (3) singles players and four (4) doubles teams. Both levels will use this format. The best two (2) out of three (3) (tiebreak) sets will be played at the Varsity and Sophomore levels.

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The Varsity and Sophomore levels will play at opposite sites if necessary. Exhibition matches may be played.

2. The match line-up must be filled from each team's number one player to their number three player (fourth doubles). In the case of injury, the team must adjust their line-up upward and if need to be forfeit from the lowest position.
  3. Host school responsibility
    - a. The home school will provide new balls for all matches. It is recommended that extra duty yellow balls are used. New balls must be used if the sets are split.
    - b. The home school will inform the visiting school of any meet cancellation. If the match is to be canceled, the visiting school should be notified as soon as the determination has been made.
  4. Determining the winner of dual meets
    - a. Competition shall consist of three (3) singles and four (4) doubles at both the Varsity and the Sophomore levels. The best two (2) out of three (3) (tiebreak) sets will be played at the Varsity and Sophomore levels. Either level with the coaches' concurrence, have the option to play "No add" or "Pro Sets" if court space or light is limited.
    - b. When the set is tied at six-six (6-6), the twelve (12) point tiebreaker shall be used at 8-8 in a "Pro Set".
    - c. If a player fails to play or complete the match, the opponent will win by a forfeit. If a player fails to complete a match once started, because of health or accident, the score will be posted (example: 6-1, 3-1 retired). If a player is removed from the match for any other reason other than injury or health, the player will be defaulted.
    - d. A match may be called due to inclement weather by the host school. All matches, in progress, will be suspended simultaneously by mutual agreement of the coaches. All suspended matches at the Varsity level will be played the first mutually agreed date (prior to the Division Tournament) from the exact point when the match was suspended. Either coach has the option of a forfeit. When lower level matches are canceled, the player(s) ahead at the time of cancellation will be declared the winner.
- B. Conference Division Championship Meet Information
1. A seeding meeting shall be held no later than Wednesday of the conference tournament week by the host school to seed players and make the draw.
  2. Varsity and Sophomore tournaments shall consist of 7 individual flights; first, second, and third singles, and first, second, third and fourth doubles. Each school shall list their three (3) singles players and four (4) doubles teams in rank order before the seeding meeting begins. The order of single players and /or doubles teams of any school may be vetoed by the majority vote of the other coaches or representatives attending the seeding meeting. The school receiving the veto shall then submit another team line-up.
  3. Three (3) singles players and four (4) doubles teams may be seeded in each level of competition. If a 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seed cannot be determine, coaches may seed only two (2) players, or two (2) doubles teams in each level of competition.
  4. The seeds shall be placed as follows:

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- a. The #1 seed shall be placed at line #1 of the tournament bracket
  - b. The #2 seed shall be placed at line #8 of the tournament bracket
  - c. The #3 seed shall be placed at line #5 of the tournament bracket
  - d. The #4 seed shall be placed at line #4 of the tournament bracket.
  - e. The #1 seed should receive the first BYE
  - f. The #2 seed should receive the second BYE
  - g. The #3 seed should receive the third BYE
  - h. The #4 seed should receive the fourth BYE
  - i. If the #3 and /or #4 seeds cannot be determined, and there are BYES remaining, the third BYE will be placed on line #6 and drawn for.
  - j. If a team defaults a spot in advance of the seed meeting, the spot will be given to the highest seed that does not have a BYE.
5. Substitutions prior to match play are permitted with a note from the Principal or designate and re-seeding at this level shall then occur if a seed has been substituted.
  6. Prior to determining the seeds, each coach should pass out records and information to each coach about each player that will be entered in the tournament to assist in properly seeding the meet.
  7. Ethically, the purpose of seeding is to place the best players at positions on the bracket so they will not compete against each other in the early round of the tournament. After the players /teams have been nominated for seeding, the coaches shall vote on positions one, two, and three and four based upon the following criteria:
    - a. Head to head competition
    - b. Common opponents – use wins vs. loses, not match scores
    - c. Total record at position in question
    - d. USTA ranking
    - e. Majority consensus of coaches present of the players/team's ability.
    - f. Random selection
  8. The draw shall consist of three (3) rounds for each individual division.
  9. Competition shall be single elimination and each match shall be best two out of three sets with 12 – point tiebreaker at 6-6.
  10. The starting time for the conference championship meet shall be no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on a school day. In case of inclement weather, if Friday's matches are canceled, Saturday will be used for the tournament. If the tournament cannot be complete on Saturday, the tournament /site director will determine when play will continue.
  11. Each of the three (3) singles players and each of the four (4) doubles teams shall bring one can of new heavy-duty balls to the first round match. The winner of each match takes the can of new balls and proceeds to the next match.
  12. Point System for the SWSC Conference Division Championship Tournament shall be as follows:
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- d. If a school doesn't enter a singles player or a double team, it will be treated as a "Forfeit". If possible, a forfeit or bye shall not be drawn to the same first round bracket.
13. The athletic director and/or designated person shall be the tournament director responsible for directing the seeding meeting, starting and running the tournament. This includes establishing times for matches and court assignments, and arranging for indoor facilities if needed.

### **VII. Officials**

No officials are authorized for SouthWest Suburban Conference contests. However, questions of procedures or inquiry are legitimate reasons for mutual direction by coaches

### **VIII. Reporting Results**

- A. Each school will enter conference results on the SWSC website in a reasonable time following the match. The conference meet results should be sent to the resource A.D. and the Historian.
- B. Each host school is responsible to report results of the division tournament immediately after the event to all local newspapers.
- C. The resource AD is responsible to enter conference team champions and all-conference players on the SWSC website.

### **IX. Miscellaneous Information**

#### Playing Sites

- Andrew- 8 courts on campus
- Bradley – Bourbonnais 8 courts on campus – Possible 10 at ONU
- Bolingbrook – 10 courts on campus and 7 courts off campus
- Homewood-Flossmoor – 12 courts on campus
- Joliet – 5 courts Central campus and 8 courts at West campus
- Lincoln –Way –Central – 10 courts on campus
- Lincoln-Way-East – 10 courts on campus
- Lincoln-Way North – 10 courts on campus
- Lincoln-Way West – 10 courts on campus.
- Lockport – 12 - courts at East campus
- Sandburg – 8 courts on campus
- Stagg – 7 courts on campus
- Thornwood – \_\_\_ courts on campus