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IMPORTANT MESSAGE PERTAINING TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

CDPH/County/School Guidelines – As you know, all CIF member schools are required to follow California Department of Public Health Guidelines for Youth Sports. Also, local county health departments can impose stricter regulations than the CDPH and individual schools/school districts/private schools can do so as well. As we prepare for the upcoming Southern Section Championships, I wanted to clarify the situation as it relates to playoff contests at host school sites and the various agencies involved.

The Southern Section will implement the COVID-19 protocols of the CDPH and local county health department orders that are consistent with or exceed those of the CDPH. While the CDPH allows for schools to develop more restrictive COVID-19 protocols, for schools hosting a Southern Section playoff contest, in any sport, the COVID-19 protocols of the CDPH and the local county of where the contest is being played will apply. In the event there are more restrictive protocols required by the local county office of public health, such COVID-19 protocols for interscholastic competition will govern the playoff event.

While the CDPH allows for schools to develop more restrictive COVID-19 protocols, be advised that if a school wishes to host a playoff contest, those specific school site rules may not be imposed on the visiting team during Southern Section playoff events. If the host school requires their student-athletes to abide by their own school site rules, the host school cannot mandate that a visiting team comply with their individual school site requirements that exceed the requirements of the CDPH or local county departments of public health. As an alternative, the host school may elect not to host the playoff game, have the game scheduled at the visiting team site, or if feasible, at a neutral site.

Please note that Southern Section host school sites will adhere to the COVID-19 protocols of the CDPH and/or local county departments of public health, whichever is more restrictive, when hosting a Southern Section playoff contest. Also, adherence to local county health department orders is contingent upon the fact that the local health department requirements exceed those of the CDPH. If a county health department's COVID-19 protocols fall below that of CDPH, then, at a minimum, the Southern Section will adhere to the guidance and requirements provided by CDPH Guidelines on Youth Sports.

CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES – TEAM TENNIS

- **TEAM: 2020-2021 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FORD TEAM TENNIS PLAYOFFS**

Girls DIVISIONS 1 – 5

Wild Card:	Tuesday, May 11, 2021	(Home Sites)
First Round:	Wednesday, May 12, 2021	(Home Sites)
Second Round:	Friday, May 14, 2021	(Home Sites)
Quarter Finals:	Monday, May 17, 2021	(Home Sites)
Semi-Finals:	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	(Home Sites)
Finals:	Friday, May 21, 2021	(Home Sites)

Girls OPEN DIVISION

First Round:	Friday, May 14, 2021	(Home Sites)
Semi-Finals:	Wednesday, May 19, 2021	(Home Sites)
Finals:	Friday, May 21, 2021	(Home Sites)

Up to eight (8) "Open" division entrants will be selected from the final polls to reflect the Top 8 teams in the section, as determined by the CIF-SS Tennis Advisory Committees.

The Open Division bracket will follow a 1-8 seeding format regardless of league placement.

In the Open Division, the higher seeds will be the home team each round.

Boys DIVISIONS 1 – 5

Wild Card:	Tuesday, May 18, 2021	(Home Sites)
First Round:	Thursday, May 20, 2021	(Home Sites)
Second Round:	Saturday, May 22, 2021	(Home Sites)
Quarter Finals:	Monday, May 24, 2021	(Home Sites)
Semi-Finals:	Wednesday, May 26, 2021	(Home Sites)
Finals:	Friday, May 28, 2021	(Home Sites)

Boys OPEN DIVISION

First Round:	Saturday, May 22, 2021	(Home Sites)
Semi-Finals:	Wednesday, May 26, 2021	(Home Sites)
Finals:	Friday, May 28, 2021	(Home Sites)

Up to eight (8) "Open" division entrants will be selected from the final polls to reflect the Top 8 teams in the section, as determined by the CIF-SS Tennis Advisory Committees.

The Open Division bracket will follow a 1-8 seeding format regardless of league placement.

In the Open Division, the higher seeds will be the home team each round.

- **2020-2021 CIF STATE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL Team TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP – TBD**

June 5 , 2021 **TBD**

RELEASE SCHEDULE

For Team Tennis, pairings for all divisions will be released on our website at www.cifss.org.

Girls- on **Monday, May 10, 2021** after 11:00 a.m.

Boys- on **Monday, May 17, 2021** after 11:00 a.m.

Pairings can be found on the Girls and Boys Tennis pages of the website. Home team (host school) will be marked with an (*) on the bracket

COINFLIP SCHEDULE

After the first round, we will be conducting pre flips in order to give the teams involved immediate notice of their next game location. When the pairings are released on Mondays, May 10/May 17, 2021, the draw will indicate home and away teams. On Tuesday May 11(girls), and Wednesday, May 18(boys), we will conduct the coin flips for the second round in the office. On Thursday, May 13(girls) and Friday May 14 (boys) we will conduct the coin flips for the quarterfinal round in the office. On Saturday, May 15(girls) and Monday, May 17 (boys) we will conduct the coin flips for the semifinal round in the office. Coin flip results will be posted at www.cifss.org on the Girls and Boys Tennis pages.

CIFSSHOME.org REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULES & SCORES Complete your schedule in CIFSSHOME.org prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire season schedule into CIFSSHOME (www.CIFSSHOME.org) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.

Log in @ www.CIFSSHOME.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director). Once you are logged in:

- On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Tennis, Girls or Boys"

- To **Add a game**, click "Add Game" at the top right and fill out all of the required fields which are marked by a red (*) to complete your schedule.

- To **Submit your score**, click on the "Teams", select "Tennis, Girls or Boys" Scroll through your schedule and click on the green "Post Result" button.

- Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

Check out the Help video under the Help button on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"

VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER) DUE no later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 for Girls and May 12, 2021 for Boys.**

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Girls and Boys Tennis Varsity roster into CIFSSHOME.org (www.CIFSSHOME.org) no later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 for Girls and May 12, 2021 for Boys.**

Log in @ www.CIFSSHOME.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

- On the left panel, Click on the "**Teams**" tab, select "Tennis, Girls or Boys"

- Here are the instructions for using the sample file.

- Download the sample file **and** delete the "contents only". Copy and paste or type your roster information into the file as the contents and save the file to your computer. You can only upload an excel file (xls) that is the exact same format as the sample file. Columns for information not required for your sport may be left blank, but the HEADER INFORMATION MUST REMAIN EXACTLY AS THE SAMPLE.

- Required Columns for Girls Tennis are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, & Eligibility.**

- Next - click Choose File, find your file, then click "Import Student".

- To confirm your roster has been uploaded, your roster will be uploaded in the roster section and all of the required columns are filled out.

Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"

VARSITY COACHES

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Girls and Boys Tennis coaches(Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHOME.org (www.CIFSSHOME.org) no later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 for Girls and May 12, 2021 for Boys.**

Log in @ www.CIFSSHOME.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

- Click on the "**Teams**" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Tennis, Girls or Boys).

- Click on "Add/Edit Coaches", select the information to add both your HEAD & ASSISTANT coaches

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AT LARGE APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER

Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches: Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Girls or Boys Tennis. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 7th @ 9:00 p.m. for Girls and Friday May 14th @ 9:00pm for Boys**

Log in @ www.CIFSSHOME.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

- On the left panel, click on At Large Petition

- Select "Tennis, Girls or Boys" then click "Add"

Please be sure that your Schedule is updated in CIFSSHOME.org as this is where the information for the At Large Petition will be created.

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BALL PROGRAM MEMO



OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM – MANDATORY USE IN PLAYOFFS 2020-2021

Official Ball per sport:

- Baseball: **Rawlings CIF-SS** Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
 Rawlings RCIF-SS Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
- Boys Basketball: **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic NFHS**
 Spalding TF1000 Legacy NFHS
 Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 29.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Basketball: **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic 28.5 NFHS**
 Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 NFHS
 Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 28.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Football: **Spalding ball with NFHS** any Spalding model with NFHS stamp
 Spalding Alpha ball with NFHS *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Lacrosse: **Champion Sports NOCSAE Balls** (White LBWNOCSAE, Yellow LBYNOCSAE, Orange LBO, Lime Green LBG)
- Soccer: **Spalding TF-SC5 NFHS** for both boys and girls use.
 Spalding TF-SC3 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
 Spalding TF5000 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
- Softball: **Dudley CFP12Y NFHS** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Tennis: **Penn ATP World Tour** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
 Pro Penn Marathon
- Volleyball: **Spalding with NFHS stamp: TF-VB5, TF-VB3**
- Boys Water Polo: **KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Water Polo: **KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*

Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:

The mandatory "official" ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of **all** CIF-SS **playoff** contests.

Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:

Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty will carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

Note: NFHS stamp is required in all sports except in golf and tennis.

PLAYOFF INFORMATION

A. PLAYOFF IMPORTANT INFO

The CIF Southern Section is pleased to conduct the 2020-2021 CIF Southern Section Ford Girls and Boys Team Tennis Championships.

We ask that coaches and athletic directors work closely together in a cooperative effort to produce a top-quality game action plan should your school become a participant in the playoffs. Should the number of playoff entries fail to complete the full bracket, the inclusion of "At-Large" teams will be added to the draw.

All rounds are scheduled to begin at **3:00 p.m.** unless otherwise stated. Scheduled beginning times for the finals will be announced in a later bulletin.

AFTER EVERY ROUND, INPUT SCORES INTO WWW.CIFSSHOMES.ORG.

Complete brackets may be obtained via the Internet on the CIF-SS web site at www.cifss.org

B. CIF SOUTHERN SECTION TEAM TENNIS QUALIFICATIONS

The 2020-2021 Girls and Boys Team Tennis Playoff Entry will be conducted by league placement within divisions. There will be six divisions of Girls and Boys tennis.

All recognized leagues will be guaranteed entries based on the size of the league. All 4 team leagues will be guaranteed 2 entries; 5 and 6 team leagues will be guaranteed 3 entries; 7 or more team leagues will be guaranteed 4 entries. Under the playoff format, in all sports, leagues have the responsibility of developing and identifying the priority for their representatives into the playoffs as so noted under Article 320 (Playoffs) of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book. Please note, leagues may not conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine ENTRY and not representative priority (leagues must have this as part of their constitution and must secure permission from the CIF-SS office before conducting such playoffs for entry).

AT-LARGE PETITION / APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER FOR CONSIDERATION (see Blue Book for clarification):

Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At-Large Entry for Girls or Boys Tennis. The At-Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **Friday, May 7, 2021 @ 9:00 p.m. for Girls and Friday, May 14th, 2021 @ 9:00 p.m. for Boys.**

Log in @ www.cifsshomes.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director). Once you are logged in:

- Please be sure that your Schedule is updated in CIFSSHomes as this is where the information for the At-Large Petition will be created.
- On the left panel, click on At-Large Petition
- Select "Girls or Boys Tennis" then click "Add"

As provided for under Bylaw 3302, a playoff committee will select the additional entries to fill the draw from the league's priority team entry that has been submitted for consideration as an at-large berth to fill any bye which may exist.

AT-LARGE SELECTION CRITERIA

CIF-SS Coaches Advisory Committee will make selections based upon the following:

- (a) Head-to-head competition of teams under consideration
- (b) Strength of CIF-SS Division
- (c) Overall strength of the league from which the team is entered
- (d) Overall win-loss record
- (e) Strength against common opponents
- (f) Strength of schedule

FREELANCE PLAYOFF ENTRY QUALIFICATION:

All freelance schools desiring entry into the playoffs must submit their "Freelance Petition" and schedule with updated results into CIFSSHome. **Schedules must be input into CIFSSHome prior to the start of each season for evaluation.** (Rule 3210.1) Match scores must be regularly updated in CIFSSHome and final season results submitted to the CIF-SS office by May 7, 2021 for Girls and Friday, May 14th, 2021 for Boys. Freelance schools must also submit an "At Large" petition through CIFSSHome prior to May 7, 2021 for Girls and Friday, May 14th, 2021 for Boys.

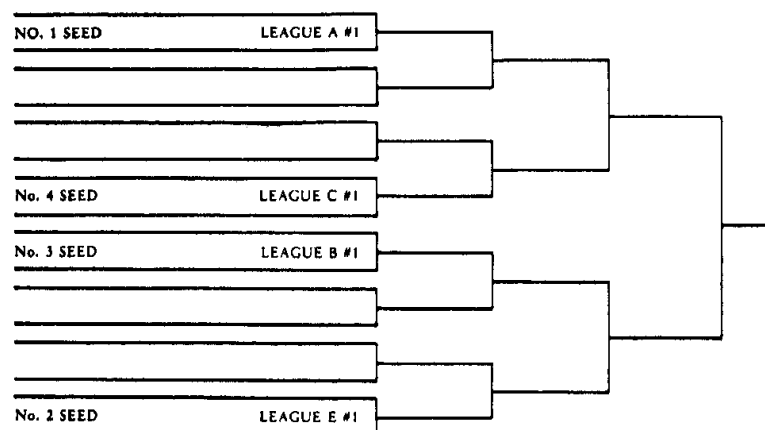
PLAYOFF PAIRING FORMAT

How in the world did I ever draw them for the opening round of the playoffs?

Here is an in-depth look at the protocol utilized by the CIF Southern Section Office in the development of post season playoff pairings.

SEEDS : The initial step is to designate four teams (maximum) as seeds, with No. 1 and No. 4 placed in the top bracket and No. 2 and No. 3 in the bottom bracket (see diagram 1).

DIAGRAM #1



Is it possible to designate more than four seeds?

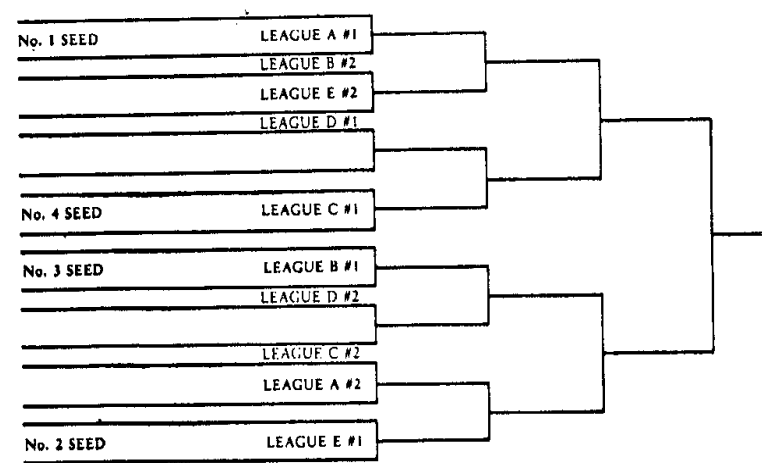
The task would be virtually impossible on two counts. Attempting to delineate which team is the No. 7 seed, as opposed to No. 8 or No. 12 rather than No. 13 would result in 25 different answers by 25 different people. Additionally, an attempt at a true seed would be in opposition to the CIF-SS Constitution and By-Laws, which specify a league's designated No. 1 entry shall meet a No. 3 entry and a No. 2 shall meet another No. 2 where the draw provides for same in the opening round.

FILLING THAT DRAW - The next step is to fill the bracket draw and a simple guideline provides the ground rules for same. Assuming for the moment the top four seeds are all No. 1 teams, the procedure calls for the No. 2 teams from each of these leagues to be placed in the opposite half of the bracket (see Diagram 2).



Consider there are five leagues assigned to this particular bracket, it now becomes necessary to place the only league not represented thus far, League D. The No. 1 designee is placed in either half of the bracket, with League D #2 in the opposite half (See Diagram #3).

DIAGRAM #3



The final step is to place the No. 3 teams from each of the respective leagues in the open slots, attempting to place each in one of the remaining quarters of the bracket where the league is not represented. This process eliminates the aspect of schools from the same league meeting in the second round of competition.

An exception to this procedure occurs where geography does not permit wide placement. The directive of the CIF Southern Section Council (from its meeting on March 13, 1980), directs schools be placed in the same half, and if necessary, quarter of the bracket, to curtail excessive travel, is followed.

Another factor utilized when formulating initial pairings, is to review the playoff bracket for the previous years, in an effort not to match identical teams which may have been paired the previous year or two years back. This would not preclude two leagues being matched in consecutive years, but with two different representative schools.

C. PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT RULES/HOSTING INFORMATION

1. SPORTSMANSHIP

In order to maintain a high standard, we urge every player and coach to review the essentials of good behavior while on the court. You are reminded that this is a Southern Section activity which should be conducted in the highest tradition of good sportsmanship.

2. RULES

All playoff matches will be conducted under USTA and Southern Section rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY LIST

An eligibility list must be completed and submitted to the CIF-SS Office prior to your first playoff contest. This list will suffice for all remaining contests. This list is generated through the CIFSSHOME.org site when your roster information is input into the system.

4. WILD CARD CONTESTS

Where the number of teams exceeds the number of openings in the draw the Commissioner may order a special playoff contest ("Wild Card System") to determine the draw for the playoffs. Teams drawn for the "Wild Card" contest will conduct their playoff contest on TUESDAY, May 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. for Girls and Tuesday May 18th, 2021 for Boys.

5. TIME OF MATCHES

All matches are scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Schools may play at another time if it is mutually agreeable to both competing schools. **The host school must notify the CIF-SS Office of any changes.**

6. PRE-GAME/HOSTING ARRANGEMENTS

The host school is responsible for:

- Securing an adequate site for use in all playoff matches. Our Office is recommending six courts with cloth nets be available for team competition if at all possible. If the site has fewer than six courts the rotation must be followed and matches played as the courts become available.
- Contacting the visitors immediately after learning opponents name and prior to game to establish any necessary ground rules should the courts or equipment not meet USTA standards.
- Providing information to the visitors regarding directions to the school, locker room arrangements, visitor parking or any other special circumstances relative to the match.

The CIF-SS Office is not presently equipped to survey all sites during the coming post-season competition. We depend upon the good judgment of the home school management to notify this Office and all opponents if a given site does not meet minimum standards as outlined in the USTA Rules Books.

7. MATCH RESULTS

You must post your match results on CIFSSHOME.org immediately following the match.

This is for score reporting only. Information regarding the next round will be updated on the CIFSS website after 9:30 a.m. the next day.

8. TEAM SIZE

Girls and Boys teams shall consist of nine players: three singles and three doubles teams. A player may play either singles or doubles but not both in the same day.

9. BALLS

The host team shall furnish the balls. Three new USTA approved Penn balls shall be provided for each court at the beginning of the match.

10. ROUND ROBIN PLAY - SINGLES & DOUBLES - USE CONVENTIONAL SCORING

(The no-add system of scoring shall NOT be used.) Players shall play a round robin, with all players of one team playing one set with all players of the other team, each set won counts one point in BOTH singles and doubles. Whenever possible, visiting players shall remain on the same court for all their matches, while the home team shall rotate from court to court. **After a 5 minute rest and as soon as opponents are available, begin playing the next round. Do not wait for the end of a round.**

The following formula will be used for Round Robin Play:

1 ST Round		2 ND ROUND		3 RD ROUND	
Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home	Visitor	Home
1	1	1	2	1	3
2	2	2	3	2	1
3	3	3	1	3	2

GAME SCORING: "Deuce + 1"

When opposing players or doubles teams reach the score of deuce in any game, the player who is serving will serve the "deuce" and add points. If the score returns to "deuce", the server will serve one more point to decide the game, and the receiver(s) may choose which side of the court to receive the serve on for the last point.

11. TEAM LINE UP

All players on both teams starting line-ups must be ready to begin at the designated starting time. Any player(s) in the starting line-up arriving more than 10 minutes after the designated starting time will make that set(s) subject to forfeiture. Late arriving players are eligible to play in the succeeding round.

12. SUBSTITUTIONS

If at any point during a team tennis match a player is injured, play may be halted for five (5) minutes, ONCE only. A second stoppage causes a player/team to retire the set.

Teams may substitute for a singles player, a doubles team, or one-half of a doubles team at the end of any round, before that player(s) was due to begin play in the next round. Once a player

has been removed from the lineup, she shall not go back in to play in the match. Players shall not switch between singles and doubles.

Rules governing substitutions:

1. The lineup exchanged at the beginning of the match must be used for the first round.
2. Potential substitutes must be listed on the opposing coach's scorecard when the lineups are exchanged. Substitutes do not have to be physically present at the start of the match.
3. Before putting in a substitute(s) to play, the coach must notify the opposing coach as to who the substitute(s) will play for and in which position in the lineup. The substitute(s) may have the 10 minutes to warmup, if needed, with an opponent or teammate.
4. Substitutions shall not delay the start of the next round.
5. If a player becomes ill or is injured, the usual timeout is allowed. If it is determined that the ill or injured player cannot continue, the current set shall be retired with the retiring player retaining any games won (example: if the score is 3-3, then the set is retired, 6-3 for the opponent). All succeeding sets played will count in the normal manner. (Adopted April 26, 2001, CIF-SS Council.)

13. DEFAULT/RETIRE

A player may not retire any set other than due to injury or illness. A player defaults if they are listed to play and do not show up, arrive very late or have 3 code violations. Once a player has defaulted/retired in any set, they MAY NOT return to play in any subsequent set. A player who is removed (defaulted, retired, substituted, etc.) may not re-enter the match.

14. TIE BREAK SYSTEMS

In any set when the score reaches 6-6, the regular USTA tiebreaker (7 out of 12) system shall be used:

7 OUT OF 12 POINTS

SINGLES: A serves first point (from Right court); B serves points 2 and 3 (Left and Right); A serves points 4 and 5 (Left and Right); B serves point 6 (Left) and after they change ends, point 7 (Right); A serves points 8 and 9 (Left and Right); B serves points 10 and 11 (Left and Right), and A serves 12 (Left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before A serves point 13 (Right); B serves points 14 and 15 (Left and Right); etc., etc., etc. until one player establishes a margin of two points. Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with player B to serve first.

DOUBLES follow the same pattern, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns.

(Assuming A & B vs. C & D) Player A serves first point (Right); C serves 2 and 3 (Left and Right); B serves 4 and 5 (Left and Right); D serves point 6 (Left) and, after teams change ends, point 7 (Right)... A serves 8 and 9 (Left and Right); C serves 10 and 11 (Left and Right); and B serves point 12 (Left)...If points reach 6-all; teams change ends and continue as before -- B serves point 13 (Right); D serves points 14 and 15 (Left and Right); etc., etc. until one team establishes a margin of two points. Teams change ends for one game to start the next set with team C & D to serve first.

NOTE: In this Wimbledon style tiebreaker, serve rotation is maintained, although each of the four players may find that she must serve from the end of the court opposite to that from which she served during the set.

15. TIE IN POINTS

In case of a tie in points when all sets have been counted, the total number of games (including any tiebreaker games) shall determine the winner.

"If, at the end of the match, teams are tied 9-9 in points and also in total games, the following procedure will be followed:

Another **complete round robin (18 tie break sets)** is to be played, but, instead of sets, players will play only the 7 out of 12-point tiebreaker against each opposing singles player or doubles team. Each tiebreaker is recorded as one game. If teams are still tied, the total number of points in the tiebreaker matches shall decide the winner. If the teams are still tied, the whole tiebreaker round robin shall be repeated until a winner has been determined. The lineup being played at the conclusion of the match shall be used in the Round Robin of Tiebreakers. The only exception would be the insertion of a substitute who was listed on the original team roster who has not yet competed. There shall be no warm-up, except that a player or team off the court for 10 minutes or more shall be entitled to a one-time only 3 minute warm-up prior to starting. There shall be no rest period between tiebreaker matches.

16. USTA POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

The USTA Point Penalty System will be in effect throughout the Tennis Tournament.

Violations shall be penalized as follows:

- First Offense - Point
- Second Offense - Game
- Third Offense - Default

Code Violations:

Delay

- Not resuming play after natural loss of physical condition
- Not resuming play after an injury timeout or after treatment on a changeover
- Not playing within 25 seconds of having been directed to resume play
- Passage of 25 seconds after any time violation
- Leaving the court for an unauthorized reason

Conduct

- Visible or audible profanity or obscenity.
- Abuse of racket, balls, or equipment.
- Verbal or physical abuse of a player or official.
- Coaching (except during the 90 second changeover).
- Abusive conduct by a player or a person associated with a player.
- Retaliatory calls (obviously bad call made in retaliation for the opponent=s calls).
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.

17. CONTINUOUS PLAY RULES

The USTA Continuous Play Rule shall be observed.

- All warm-ups (including ALL serves) must be taken before the first point is played.
- Warm-up time before the start of a singles or doubles team's first set - 10 minutes.
- Warm-up time before the start of any subsequent set - 5 minutes.
- No pause or stop in play is allowable except that players are allowed 90 seconds at the time they change sides of the court; this 90 second break is NOT allowed in tiebreakers.

SPECIAL NOTE: *If court and opponents are available, play should begin.*

18. COACHING

Coaching is allowed only on the change over, between sets and during the 90 seconds allowed for changing sides, providing it does not distract opposing players or delay the start of play at the end of the 90 seconds. Coaching is allowed by TWO designated high school coaches only. These coaches' names must be included on the opposing coach's lineup card.

19. PRACTICE

No competing team will be permitted to practice at the Claremont Club for 12 days prior to the date of the scheduled CIF-SS Tournament.

Per Rule 504 (M) of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book, no interscholastic *practice* or game is to be held on a Sunday. Therefore, no practice is allowed on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

20. PROTESTS

By action of the CIF-SS Council at its March 1983 meeting, protests of playoff contests involving USTA rules will no longer be entertained following the conclusion of the contest. No protest may be carried forth once the contest is completed.

Coaches are encouraged to carry USTA rule books and this bulletin with them for all playoff contests.

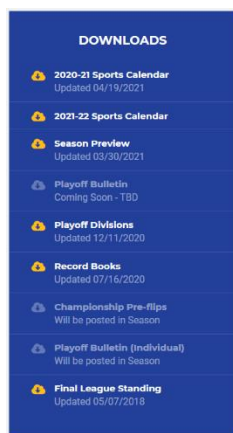
Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest in accordance with Southern Section Rule 1112, as it pertains to use of ineligible players or violations of any CIF-SS rule in connection with the contest.

21. RAIN DATE

In the event that a finals match has to be postponed because of inclement weather, that match will be rescheduled. You will be given instructions regarding re-scheduling before you leave on Monday. Points previously played will stand. Scoring will resume at the point where play terminated.

D. DIVISION PLACEMENT

The Girls and Boys Tennis divisional placements can be found on the Girls' and Boys' tennis sports page at www.cifss.org > Girls or Boys Tennis> Download button labeled "Playoff Divisions". The power point formula listed on the next page is used in determining this year's team tennis division placements.



E. TENNIS MEET MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISION OF ATHLETES

In every high school tennis match the **HIGHEST TYPE** of sportsmanship is expected from every player as described in the CIF Code of Ethics. In addition, spectators; including parents, friends and coaches, are welcome to watch and enjoy matches. **THEIR ROLE HOWEVER, IS CLEARLY RESTRICTED TO THAT OF PASSIVE OBSERVER WITH NO INVOLVEMENT OF ANY KIND DURING THE MATCH AS DESCRIBED BY THE USTA CODE OF CONDUCT.**

Therefore, it is recommended that:

Game management responsibilities for facilities and personal services should be accomplished in a manner which will contribute to the utmost comfort, convenience, and safety of students, spectators, and players.

Supervision be assigned to both home and away matches.

Host School Supervision - Faculty supervisors should be individuals who are as familiar as possible with members of the student body in order to facilitate identification of students whenever necessary.

Visiting School Supervision - The visiting school should assign a sufficient number of supervisors in order that adequate crowd control can be accomplished.

If both schools mutually agree to hire a USTA official for a playoff tennis match, the officials fees will be paid by the home school. If only one school requests an official for a playoff tennis match, the school requesting the official will pay the required fees. **Contact:**

(1) Los Angeles Area	Teri Cohn, Sectional Chairman	(678) 467-5914
(2) Orange County Area	Bonnie Hartshorn, Sectional Chairman	(714) 992-4547
(3) Inland Area	Holly Haggerty, Sectional Chairman	(951) 788-8192
(4) Ventura Area	Harry Van Besoyen, Sectional Chairman	(805) 637-7606

ATTENTION COACHES:

Spectators should not be allowed on the tennis courts. Separate seating for spectators should be outside the tennis courts. Exceptions to these recommendations must be by mutual consent of each school's head coach.

SUPERVISION OF ATHLETES

The Southern Section Office has experienced a problem which has perpetuated itself over the past few years as it pertains to proper supervision and entry of student-athletes in the post-season playoffs.

The situation relates only to individual sports, i.e. CROSS COUNTRY, INDIVIDUAL TENNIS, TRACK, SWIMMING, etc. and the official recognition and registration of entrants at the respective playoff sites.

State and Southern Section Rule 503 states:

No CIF team (i.e., individual) shall participate in inter-scholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code 49032 and CIF By-Law #503 (F). (Additionally, refer to Rule 123.) The supervisor must remain in attendance at all times.

Those persons APPROVED FOR SUPERVISION PURPOSES are limited to:

A. Certificated personnel

B. Certified Coaches (certified credentialed coaches)

C. Non-certificated temporary coaches (certified walk-on coaches.)

(It should be noted that schools representing the same DISTRICT may send one credentialed or certified supervisor for three or four athletes. These individuals have been recognized and are to continue to be recognized for registration and participation purposes in that the district has assigned the supervisory role for all students from its' member schools to this one individual.)

However, the concern is for those students who ARE NOT accompanied by a faculty representative and report to the playoff site by themselves or with a parent. ***GIVING PARENTS THE SUPERVISION AUTHORITY, WHETHER IN WRITING OR NOT, DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE REGULATIONS. This also applies to parents who are the student=s private coach but are not under contract to the member school.***

PLEASE NOTE, THIS RULE WAS REVIEWED BY BOTH THE STATE CIF OFFICE, ITS GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE SOUTHERN SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IT HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED THAT THE INTERPRETATION STAND AS ABOVE AND THAT ANY STUDENT REPORTING FOR COMPETITION WHO IS NOT UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND SOUTHERN SECTION RULE 503, IS TO BE DENIED ENTRY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION.

As pointed out by the Southern Section and State CIF attorney, there are inherent liability problems when an individual competes in violation of said rule. Please review this rule with your staff in that it will be strictly enforced as per the above application.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The highest type of sportsmanship is expected from every player! An understanding of and a commitment to the points highlighted on this card are part of your responsibility as a player in a U.S.T.A. tournament. **Violators of this code or its spirit are subject to disciplinary action.**

1	Once you have entered a tournament, honor your commitment to play. Exceptions should occur only in cases of serious illness, injury, or personal emergency.
2	From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous. Attempts to stall or to extend rest periods for the purpose of recovering from a loss of physical condition (such as cramps or shortness of breath) are clearly illegal.
3	Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or effort to play the ball are against the rules.
4	Spectators, including parents, friends, and coaches, are welcome to watch and enjoy matches. Their role, however is clearly restricted to that of passive observer with no involvement of any kind during the match.
5	Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.
6	<p>Players are expected to maintain full control over their emotions and the resulting behavior throughout the match. If you begin to lose your composure during play, try the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ Take several deep breaths, exhale as slowly as possible and feel your muscles relax. \$ Concentrate on your own game and behavior while ignoring distractions from your opponent or surroundings. \$ Be your own best friend & enjoy your good shots and forget the poor ones.

ON-COURT RULES*

Take this card onto the court for reference!

If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. You should not play a let.

It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to *call against yourself* (with the exception of a first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.

Any Aout@ or Alet@ call must be made instantaneously (i.e., made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play); otherwise, the ball continues in play.

Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.

If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, you should correct your call.

To avoid controversy over the score, the Server should announce the set score (e.g., 5-4) before starting a game and the game score (e.g., thirty-four) prior to serving each point.

If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point, or they may spin a racket.

Foot faults are not allowed. If an opponent persists in foot faulting after being warned not to do so, the Referee should be informed.

\$ Do not stall, sulk, complain, or practice gamesmanship.

Wait until the players on another court have completed a point before retrieving or returning a ball.

**Excerpted from the official U.S.T.A. publication, The Code, whose principles and guidelines shall apply in any match conducted without officials.*

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F. PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP - Post Season Awards

General information regarding CIF Southern Section Playoff/Championship Additional/Custom Post Season Awards can be found at www.CIFSS.org on the download section of the sports page.

STATE QUALIFYING INFORMATION

2020-2021 CIF STATE SOUTHERN CALIF REGIONAL GIRLS and Boys TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP - TBD

June 5, 2021 - TBD

ENTRY INFORMATION:

The CIF Southern California Regional Tennis Championship will consist of one division with 8 teams.

The 8 teams will be allotted to the sections as shown below:

Central Section	1 Team
Los Angeles City Section	1 Team
San Diego Section	2 Teams
Southern Section	4 Teams (<u>Open Division Semi-Finalists</u>)

Seeding will take place on the Sunday prior to the start of the tournament.

FORMAT:

The player strength ladder must represent both singles and doubles players strength on team roster starting with highest strength player as number one to lowest strength player listed last. This player strength ladder will be enforced for all matches.

Each team will consist of four (4) singles players and three (3) doubles teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles). Each school shall decide which event a player will enter. The number one singles player must be ranked higher on the team individual player strength ladder (ladder) than the number two player. The number two singles player must be ranked higher than the number three player. The number three singles player must be ranked higher than the number four singles player.

The ranking of the doubles teams will be determined by the sum of the ladder positions of each team. The #1 doubles team will be the team with the lowest sum, the #2 team with the next lowest sum, and the #3 team with the highest sum. If the sum of any of the ladder positions for two or three of the teams is equal, then the highest ranked individual player shall play on the higher ranked doubles team.

Lineups may change from one match to the next. If a player in the lineup is unable to play, a substitution is allowed, providing the ladder rules stated above are met. No player can appear in the lineup unless she is listed on the ladder. Moving players with the intent of gaining an advantage is not permitted and shall subject the team to default by the tournament directors.

The player strength ladder submitted for Regional Championships shall be the same player strength ladder as used for the Sections Championship.

SCORING:

For the first round and semifinals, the scoring will be two out of three sets, with no-add-scoring (12-point tie-breaker system). This rule will be in effect, up to the final championship matches. The final championship matches shall be two out of three sets with add-scoring (12-point tie-breaker).

Players are responsible for returning the tennis balls and reporting match results to the Tournament Director immediately after their matches.

AWARDS:

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st place team.

Team plaques will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

Individual awards (max. of 15) will be given to members of the 1st and 2nd place teams

2020-2021 CIF STATE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GIRLS and Boys TEAM Tennis CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA: (tentative)

The following CIF-SS Tennis teams will advance to the State Regional Tennis Tournament: **(4 total entries)**

Open Division – Semi-Finalists (4 teams)

CIF-SS Coaches Advisory Committee will make regional seeding based upon the following:

- (a) Head-to-head competition of teams under consideration
- (b) Strength of CIF-SS Division
- (c) Overall strength of the league from which the team is entered
- (d) Overall win-loss record
- (e) Strength against common opponents
- (f) Strength of schedule



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