

**ARTICLE 280
TENNIS**

2800. REGIONAL TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A regional boys and girls team tennis championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs.
(Approved May 1998 Federated Council/Revised May 2011 Federated Council/Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

2801. RULES

All tennis competition in the CIF Southern Section will be played under current United States Tennis Association regulations and the Southern California Tennis Association's "Code of Ethics" unless otherwise provided herein.

<>2802. SCRIMMAGES - Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C (Page 132)

2802.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in tennis is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept and the players can be switched between singles and doubles at the discretion of the coaches. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.)

2802.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to February 22 for the girls teams and March 1 for the boys teams and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

<>2803. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Girls Teams - No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 22.

<>Boys Teams - No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to March 1.

2804. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS - Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D (Page 132)

A tennis team will be permitted to play no more than 24 matches during the season. This does not include CIF Playoff matches. Tournament(matches) using any format WILL count against the 24 match limit.

<>2805. END OF COMPETITION

All league competition for entries must end on or before the Friday prior to the first playoff date. For girls May 7 and for boys May 14. Schools may compete until Saturday in non-league contests. For the girls teams May 8 and for the boys teams May 15. Girls individual entries will be due on Friday, May 14, at 12:00 noon. and boys individual entries will be due on Friday, May 21, at 12:00 noon.

QUESTION:	Will contest(s) played after the completion of league play and/or submission of league entries impact seeding or rankings?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted a school will be seeded and ranked based on a team's results as of May 7 for girls and May 14 for boys.

2806. SUMMERTIME RULES/SUMMER DEAD PERIOD/SPORTS CAMPS

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1223 for specific information on Summertime Rules/ Summer Dead Period/ Sports Camps

2807. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

2808. LEVEL OF COMPETITION

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1226 for specific information on Level of Competition.

2809. MAXIMUM CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1227 for specific information on Maximum Contests in one day.

2810. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1228 for specific information on standards for School Attendance

2811. SUNDAY RESTRICTION

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1229 for specific information on Sunday Restriction.

2812. PLAYERCONDUCT

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1224 for specific information on Player Conduct.

2813. COACH EJECTION

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 125.1 and 1225 for specific information on Coach Ejection.

2814. NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1230 for specific information on Noisemakers.

2815. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 33 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

#2815.1 *Boys and Girls Individual Tennis Tournament* - The CIF Southern Section Individual Tennis Championships, consisting of competition in both singles and doubles, shall be conducted during the appropriate boys and girls season on dates established by the CIF Southern Section Council and at times and sites designated by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner of Athletics shall secure the necessary officials, provide the balls, select a seeding procedure deemed appropriate and make up the draw.

Uniforms shall conform with the dress rules as established by the U.S.T.A.

The U.S.T.A. continuous play rule shall be emphasized and followed at all times, including the taking of practice serves and time limits on changing sides.

#2815.2 *Boys and Girls Team Tennis Playoffs* - See *playoff bulletin* for details.

2816. SPECIAL RULES FOR TENNIS

Rest Rule - In all tennis tournaments conducted or sanctioned by the CIF Southern Section, except playoff round-robin matches, the following rules will apply:

2816.1 All players shall be entitled to a rest period of sixty (60) minutes between matches.

2816.2 Players in doubles only tournaments shall be entitled to a rest period of only thirty (30) minutes between matches.

2816.3 The tournament manager, tournament director, or referee may authorize additional rest when any of them concludes that the length of the previous match, heat, humidity, or other conditions justify an extension.

2816.4 The above listed rest periods can be shortened, not eliminated, by consent of the players involved and their respective coaches.