

**ARTICLE 300
TENNIS**

3000. 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)

3001. STATE TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A State Boys and Girls Team Tennis Championship will be held following the completion of the CIF Regional Championship.
(Approved April 2023 Federated Council)

3002. 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.

3003. SCRIMMAGES – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C

3003.1 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.)

<>3003.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to August 19 for the girls' teams and February 17 for the boys' teams and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

<>3004. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to August 19.

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 17.

3005. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

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.

<>3006. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before the Wednesday prior to the first playoff date. For girls October 30 and for boys April 30.

<>QESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

<>ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

3007. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

3008. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 34 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

- 3007.1 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.

- 3008.2 Boys and Girls Team Tennis Playoffs - See playoff bulletin for details.

3009. 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:

- 3009.1 All players shall be entitled to a rest period of sixty (60) minutes between matches.
- 3009.2 Players in doubles only tournaments shall be entitled to a rest period of only thirty (30) minutes between matches.
- 3009.3 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.
- 3009.4 The above listed rest periods can be shortened, not eliminated, by consent of the players involved and their respective coaches.