

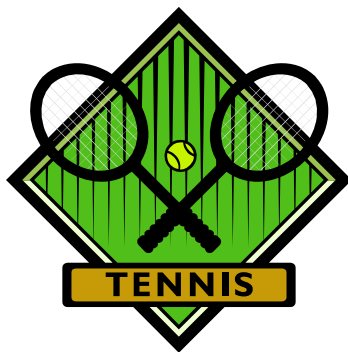


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Girl's Tennis

Manual

For Coaches



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TO: Tennis Coaches-Girls

FROM: Roxanne Price, Assistant Commissioner

RE: OHSAA Tennis Regulations and Related Materials

This tennis manual is intended as a guide to assist with the coaching and administration of interscholastic girl's tennis. Included in this manual are the sports regulations for tennis as adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors, and a brief summary of the general sports regulations that apply to all recognized sports of the OHSAA. Additional information regarding the OHSAA bylaws and constitution can be found in the current edition of the OHSAA Handbook or on our website at www.ohsaa.org. Please refer to our handbook or website for information regarding scholarship, age, residency, transfers, recruiting and other issues that may affect a student's eligibility for interscholastic athletics. It is the responsibility of the athletic administrator and/or principal to determine a student's eligibility for participation in tennis.

State rules interpretation meetings were held for the 2010-11 school year, thus there is no mandatory requirement to attend a rules interpretation meeting this school year. In the sport of tennis, rule interpretation meetings are held every other school year.

The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations will serve as the official rules of tennis. Many of these rules are outlined in the OHSAA tennis regulations. The OHSAA will provide the USTA Handbook as a courtesy to each member school. The "Rules of Tennis" and the "Twelve Point Tie Break Procedures for Tennis" shall be used in all contests without exception. This may not be changed by mutual agreement of the coaches.

A tennis team will consist of three singles and two double participants. Participants may not compete in both singles and doubles in the same match. Stacking is not permitted. The requirement is that *in a given contest* the coach is required to play the singles players and doubles teams in rank order.

Coaching and instruction in girls tennis begins earlier this season, August 1, 2011. Refer to the tennis regulations regarding scrimmages, previews, and regular season match limitations. Also note that although a girl may play on the boy's tennis team, any girl who plays on the girls' tennis team in the fall of 2011 is ineligible to compete on the boys' team in the spring of 2012. Please also review the change that has been made regarding regular season tournaments. Pro sets are now permitted.

You will also want to note that if a school tennis team violates the out of state travel regulation, the team will not be permitted to participate in the OHSAA state tennis tournament.

Again, these materials have been provided to assist you with the coaching and administration of tennis. Take the time to read and review the materials. If you have any questions, or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 267-2502, ext. 114 or email me at rprice@ohsaa.org. Please note that Ed Wolff and Tim Voegeli are the rules interpreters for tennis. Also, in previous years you have received a manual from the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association (OTCA). There will no longer be a separate mailing of this manual. Material from that manual has been incorporated in the Girl's Tennis Manual For Coaches.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship, and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

2011 – NO TENNIS RULES INTERPRETATION MEETINGS

By OHSAA Board of Directors regulation, any school sponsoring interscholastic contests in high school tennis must have the head coach, assistant coach, or athletic administrator attend a rules interpretation meeting. For the sport of tennis, these meetings are held every other academic year. There will be no rules meetings for this, the 2011-12, school year.

When rules meetings are conducted, sites, dates, locations, and times for rules interpretation meetings can also be found at: <http://myohsaa.ohsaa.org/public/stateMeetings.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding the rules of tennis, please contact one of the rules interpreters listed below.

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CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES

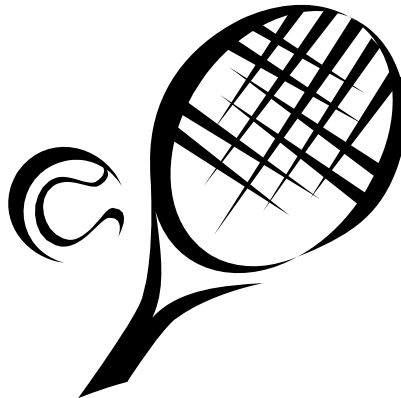
2011 OHSAA GIRLS TENNIS CALENDAR	
August 1	First Day of Coaching and Instruction
August 15	First Regulation Season Contest Permitted
September 5	Non-Interscholastic Competition No Longer Permitted
September 19	Deadline for Entering or Withdrawing from the OHSAA Tournament
October 3-October 8#	Sectional Tournaments
October 10-October 15	District Tournaments
October 21-22	State Tournament – The Ohio State University, Stickney Tennis Center

Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).

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TENNIS – BOYS AND GIRLS

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) Dual competition consists of three singles matches and two doubles matches using seven different players.
- 1.2) Each individual match is best two out of three sets. The 12 point tie-breaker rule shall be used when necessary.
- 1.3) During invitational and/or conference tournaments, each individual may play three, two of three set matches or up to four eight game pro sets per day.
- 1.4) Prior to a match, coaches may mutually agree to use no advantage scoring during the season.
- 1.5) Maximum number of regular matches per individual per day is three. Maximum number of pro sets per day (eight games each) is four. Each match played in dual competition counts as one match in the season limitation. If a player participates in more than three matches or four pro sets in one day, the player shall forfeit the additional match and, it shall count as two matches for the school in the season limitations.
- 1.6) There will be no rest period between the second and third sets.
- 1.7) If weather or darkness interrupts a match before either team has won three points (and thus the match), incompleted matches shall be resumed at the exact point where terminated. The match shall be rescheduled at the earliest possible date agreeable to both coaches. Players not appearing for a rescheduled match shall forfeit that match. Unfinished matches shall not count in team scoring.
- 1.8) The warmup period for all matches shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- 1.9) All warmup serves in both singles and doubles shall be taken prior to the start of play.
- 1.10) Play shall be continuous as defined by U.S.T.A. regulations. In case of injury or illness, a player will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for treatment after which the player must resume play or forfeit the match.
- 1.11) Singles players must play in order of team rank. The better doubles team must play No. 1 doubles. This rule **also** applies to injury or illness preceding a match. Forfeiting a point for a missing player's position is not allowed. If the No. 1 player cannot compete, the regular No. 2 player plays at No. 1, the regular No. 3 player plays at No. 2, and the substitute is placed at No. 3. "Stacking" is not allowed under any circumstances.
Note: This does not mean that the best player on the team must play first singles. However, if he/she is going to play singles, he/she must play at the No. 1 position.
- 1.12) All team members must wear a school uniform or tennis uniform, preferably in school colors. Any lettering or pictures on clothing and/or headgear must pertain to the school name or emblem. No phrases, quotes or "slogans" shall be permitted. Manufacturer's names or logos are permitted provided they do not exceed one and a half inches in height. Girls have the option of tennis dress or school uniform. "Doubles" team players shall wear like color tops. Any visible undergarments that extend below the uniform shorts, dress or skirt shall be the same color of the shorts, dress or skirt or represent school colors or, be white or black. This dress code shall be enforced by the home coach or tournament director. Failure to comply will result in a player being denied the right to participate.
- 1.13) The home school coach shall serve as the referee, enforcing all OHSAA regulations and USTA rules.
- 1.14) **Any girl who has not participated on the girls team in the fall, may participate on the boys team in the spring.**

2) Out-of-State Travel

A tennis team may travel out of state to compete in contest scrimmages, previews and matches in states or provinces in Canada that are contiguous to Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states include Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province includes Ontario. Additionally, a tennis team may travel out of state one time per interscholastic season to compete in states or provinces in Canada that are not contiguous to Ohio provided there is no loss of school time.

"School time" is defined as any time during any day during which the school is in session as stipulated in its Board-adopted school calendar exclusive of contingency days. Penalty for violation: The school shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

EXCEPTION: If, because of missed school days due to calamity situations, an otherwise non-school day(s) becomes a school day(s) in order to make-up for the missed school day, the school may compete in a contest(s) outside the state of Ohio provided:

- 1) The school had contracted for/committed to said trip/contest(s) at least three months prior to the contest(s) in question and;
- 2) The school receives written permission from the Commissioner's office at least one week in advance of the scheduled event

A tennis team may not travel out of state only to practice. Any contest played in a non-contiguous state is a match. No match can be played prior to the official start of the OHSAA season.

3) Ejection for Unsporting Conduct

See *Ejection Policies for Players and Coaches* under Section 13.1 and 13.2 of the General Sports Regulations.

4) **Non-Interscholastic Participation**

- 4.1) A member of an interscholastic tennis squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament match) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic contest as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of tennis during the school's season (Sports Regulation 4.4)
- 4.2) Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Dates:
A tennis athlete who has not participated for the school in tennis that season must cease non-interscholastic tennis competition six weeks (42 days) prior to the Monday of the week of the State Tournament in tennis in order to be eligible for OHSAA Tournament competition.
Dates: Girls: September 5, 2011; Boys: April 9, 2012
Interscholastic tennis coaches may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport. No coach may require participation until the official start of the interscholastic season.

5) **Penalties**

The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 6.4 (participation with a non-interscholastic tennis squad while a member of the school's interscholastic tennis squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad EXCEPT a senior is ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic tennis season or the ensuing tennis season. For a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – Grades 9-12

- 1) Coaching and instruction may begin:
Girls – August 1, 2011
Boys – March 5, 2012
- 2) First Match:
Girls – August 15, 2011
Boys – March 26, 2012
- 3) Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament:
Girls – September 19, 2011
Boys – April 23, 2012
- 4) Tournament draw/seeding date:
Girls – September 25, 2011
Boys – April 29, 2012
- 5) Coaching and Season end:
Girls – Saturday after State Tournament – October 29, 2011
Boys – Saturday after State Tournament – June 2, 2012
After the conclusion of the sectional tennis tournaments, participants who qualify for further OHSAA tournament competition may practice with tennis players from other schools who have similarly advanced.
- 6) Scrimmages – Maximum of one prior to first match.
- 7) Regular season matches permitted:
 - a. Maximum of 20 contests for team and individual (plus the OTCA team tournament) or the equivalent calculated as follows:

Type of Match		Counts as
Dual		1
League or Conference Tournament	Played in one day	1
League or Conference Tournament	Played in two days	2
Invitational Tournament (Single or Double elimination)	Played in one day	1
Invitational Tournament (Single or Double elimination)	Played in two days	2
Invitational Tournament	Played as Round robin	1 for each opponent
 - b. A team is limited to three tournaments per season.
 - c. A player is limited to participation in a maximum of three matches per day or four pro sets (tournament only) per day.
- 8) Rules – United States Tennis Association.
- 9) Official – No requirements.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS – Grades 7 & 8

1) Coaching and instruction may begin:

Girls – August 1, 2011

Boys – March 5, 2012

2) First Match:

Girls – August 15, 2011

Boys – March 26, 2012

3) Coaching and Season End:

Girls – October 29, 2011

Boys – June 2, 2012

4) Scrimmages – None permitted.

5) Regular season matches permitted:

a. Maximum of 16 contests for team and individual or the equivalent calculated as follows:

Type of Match		Counts as
Dual		1
League or Conference	Played in	
Tournament	one day	1
League or Conference	Played in	
Tournament	two days	2
Invitational Tournament	Played in	
(Single or Double elimination)	one day	1
Invitational Tournament	Played in	
(Single or Double elimination)	two days	2
Invitational Tournament	Played as	1 for each
	Round robin	opponent

b. A team is limited to three tournaments per season.

c. A player is limited to participation in a maximum of three matches per day or four pro sets (tournament only) per day.

8) Rules – United States Tennis Association.

9) Official – No requirements.

Girls Tennis	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Coaching Begins	8/1	8/6	8/5	8/4	8/3	8/1
Season Begins	8/15	8/13	8/12	8/11	8/10	8/15
Non-Interscholastic Date	9/5	9/3	9/2	9/1	8/31	9/5
Sectional	9/30-10/8	10/1-10/6#	9/30-10/5#	9/29-10/4#	9/28-10/3#	10/3-10/8#
District	10/10-10/15	10/8-10/13	10/7-10/12	10/6-10/11	10/5-10/10	10/10-10/15
State	10/21-10/22	10/19-10/20	10/18-10/19	10/17-10/18	10/16-10/17	10/21-10/22
Season Ends	10/29	10/27	10/26	10/25	10/24	10/29
Thanksgiving	11/24	11/22	11/28	11/27	11/26	11/24
Rosh Hashanah	9/29-30	9/17-18	9/5-6	9/25-26	9/14-15	10/3-4
Yom Kippur	10/7-8	9/25-26	9/13-14	10/3-4	9/22-23	10/11-12

Boys Tennis	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Coaching Begins	3/5	3/11	3/10	3/9	3/7	3/6
Season Begins	3/26	4/1	3/31	3/30	3/28	3/27
Non-Interscholastic Date	4/9	4/15	4/14	4/13	4/11	4/10
Sectional	5/7-5/12#	5/13-5/18#	5/12-5/17#	5/11-5/16#	5/9-5/14	5/8-5/13#
District	5/14-5/19	5/20-5/25	5/19-5/24	5/18-5/23	5/16-5/21	5/15-5/20
State	5/25-5/26	5/31-6/1	5/30-5/31	5/29-5/30	5/27-5/28	5/26-5/27
Season Ends	6/2	6/8	6/7	6/6	6/4	6/3
Easter	4/8	3/31	4/20	4/5	3/27	4/16

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The following is a summary of the sports regulations as they apply to match protocol and to the postseason tournaments. Items addressed are warm up periods, rest periods, foot faults, equipment, etc.

Summary of Tennis Regulations and 2011 Tournament Information

I. Eligibility

- 1.1 OHSAA eligibility bylaws apply to all participants.
- 1.2 OHSAA Sport Regulation #4 – Non-Interscholastic Programs.

2. Rules of Play

- 2.1 Current U.S.T.A. rules for singles and doubles play apply unless specifically modified below.
- 2.2 Each individual match is best two out of three sets. The twelve-point tiebreaker will be used in each set. During invitational or conference tournaments individuals may play a maximum of four pro sets.
- 2.3 In OHSAA sponsored tennis tournaments, individuals are prohibited from participating in more than three matches per day.
- 2.4 Players and coaches are requested to assist in starting matches on schedule. A ten minute default rule may be enforced.
- 2.5 The warm-up period for all matches shall not exceed ten minutes.
- 2.6 All warm-up serves in both singles and doubles shall be taken prior to the start of play.
- 2.7 Play shall be continuous as defined by U.S.T.A. Regulations. In case of injury or illness a player will be allowed a maximum of five minutes treatment after which the player must resume play or forfeit the match.
- 2.8 Singles players must play in order of team rank. The better doubles team must play No. 1 doubles. This rule also applies to injury or illness preceding a match. Forfeiting a point for a missing player's position is not allowed. If the No. 1 player cannot compete; the regular No. 2 player plays at No. 1, the regular No. 3 player plays at No. 2 and the substitute is placed at No. 3 "Stacking" is not allowed under any circumstances.
- 2.9 Either player may call a "let" if interference occurs, but the player calling a "let" must be in control of the ball. A "let" will not be allowed after a player has hit and erred.
- 2.10 Players are warned not to catch balls before they strike the court.
- 2.11 In case of foot faults the coach (not players) should notify the tournament manager. The tournament manager will handle the violations and may assign a foot fault judge if necessary.
- 2.12 Players are requested to record scores on scoreboards as they change courts when scoreboards are provided.
- 2.13 The winner of each match will report the score to the tournament manager, return used balls and then be notified of the schedule time of his/her next match.
- 2.14 In tennis there will be no rest period between the second and third sets
- 2.15 There shall be a minimum of thirty minutes between matches in the sectional tournaments and a minimum of forty-five minutes between matches in district tournaments for all competitors.

3. Equipment

- 3.1 Only "championship" quality, "approved by the U.S.T.A." balls shall be used in matches.
- 3.2 The home team will furnish the balls for the matches unless other arrangements have been made between the coaches.
- 3.3 The home team coach shall determine whether new balls will be used for third sets. The decision and announcement to the players should be made in advance of the start of play.
- 3.4 Tennis racquets and strings shall conform to current U.S.T.A. standards.
- 3.5 Singles sticks shall be used in all sectional and district tournaments.

4. Official

- 4.1 The home team coach shall serve as the referee.

- 4.2 All matches should begin at the specified starting time. Individual matches may be delayed a predetermined period of time to accommodate a player late for a legitimate reason.
- 4.3 Either coach may request a foot-fault judge or line judge. It is the home coach's responsibility to make such assignments.
- 4.4 A player may request interpretation of a rule from his/her coach or the host coach during play.

5. **Conduct, Character, Discipline**

- 5.1 Ethical conduct of players and coaches should be observed at all times.
- 5.2 During participation in regular season and OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played.
The tournament manager shall report individuals ejected for unsporting conduct during an OHSAA tournament to the OHSAA Commissioner. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11, if the situation warrants it.
Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

6. **Coaching**

- 6.1 Coaches may talk to players only when they change ends of the court and shall not delay play by doing so.
- 6.2 Coaching may only take place where facilities permit it. Matches on other courts cannot be interfered with. Coaches may not come onto the court.
- 6.3 Coaching is not permitted by anyone other than the school's assigned tennis coaches.
- 6.4 The use of signals, cheering (as opposed to applause), vile suggestions, and the like, during play, is considered unsporting and is not permitted.
- 6.5 No coaching from sidelines.

7. **Please refer to the Tennis Regulations regarding:**

- a. Uniforms- hats/visors are considered part of the uniform and uniform regulations shall apply.
- b. Code of Conduct

2011 Tournament Schedule

Sectional: October 3-October 8, 2011# (Specific dates to be established by District Athletic Boards).

District: October 10-15, 2011 (Specific dates to be established by District Athletic Boards).

State: October 21 and October 22, 2011

Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date).

OHSAA GENERAL SPORTS REGULATIONS

General Sports regulations for 2011-12 can be found in the OHSAA handbook (also available on the website, www.ohsaa.org) These rules pertain to tournament deadlines, instructional programs and open gyms, media regulations (*including the filming of athletic contests by schools and spectators*), transportation to and from interscholastic contests, forfeitures, interrupted contest, alcohol and illegal drugs, and the OHSAA's inclement weather policy, etc. Please refer to these regulations when you have questions about the items mentioned above. To locate the General Sports Regulations, highlight "Sports" and select "Tennis". The regulations can be found on the left hand side.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS – Sectional, District, State

OHSAA Girls Tennis Tournament Regulations are available at www.ohsaa.org. On the web site, under "Sports" select Tennis - Girls. The tournament regulations are listed under "Tournament Information" on the left side.

THE INFORMATION THAT FOLLOWS
IS PRESENTED IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE OHIO TENNIS COACHES
ASSOCIATION (OTCA)



PLAYING THE MATCH

4.1 RULES.

Unless modified by the OHSAA, the USTA Rules and Regulations will be used as described or referred to in The Friend at Court (FAC). (Coaches should be familiar with this handbook which is provided complimentary to each member school.)

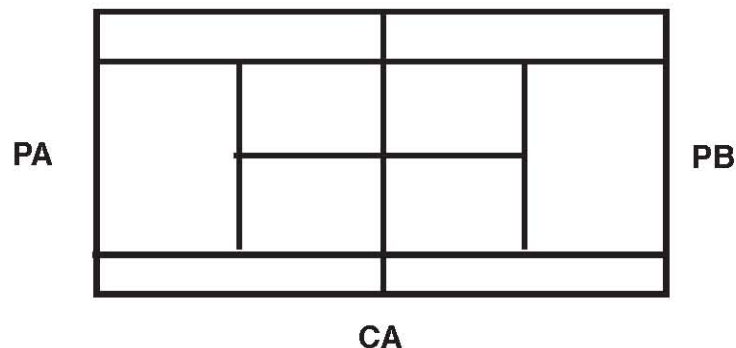
It is the responsibility of the player to make his/her own calls. **When there is doubt, the call must be made in favor of the opponent.** An out call must be made immediately. If a player feels that his/her opponent is making incorrect calls, he/she may request a monitor for the match **THROUGH his/her coach.** (Remember the three chance rule. Accept the first incorrect call as an error; question the second; and you may request a monitor after the third.)

4.2 ON-COURT MONITORS.

If a request is made for a monitor to go on-court, the monitor will only rule on calls which are challenged by the players. The decision of the monitor is final. The only calls made automatically by the monitor are obvious footfaults and lets. Monitors should not be other players, parents or spectators from either of the two schools.

Players should be informed of the responsibilities of the monitors and the proper procedure for making appeals. It is still the players responsibility to keep the score.

4.2.1 If a single monitor is used he/she should position themselves at the net post. The only call they make is an obvious footfault. (There is no warning.) All other calls are made by the players. All appeals must be verbal and directed to the monitor. If the monitor can not make the call, the call will stand. The monitor's decision is final.



4.2.2 If dual monitors are used (it is suggested that it be a coach from each team) they will place themselves at opposite sides of the net post. Coach A will be responsible for his/her near sideline upon which they are standing and the baseline and service line of their opponent PB, wherever that may be. Coach B is responsible for his/her near sideline and the baseline and service line of their opponent (PA) wherever that may be. As players change sides, the monitor's baseline and service line responsibilities also change, following their opponent.

The monitor may defer to the other monitor for help in making a call. If neither can make the call, the call stands. All appeals must be verbal and directed to the appropriate monitor. **THE DECISION OF THE MONITOR IS FINAL.**



4.3. FOOT FAULTS.

Players may not call foot faults on one another.

Players should inform their coach if they suspect foot faulting is taking place. Only coaches can call foot faults. Coaches need not be on the court to make foot fault calls.

4.4 INFRACTIONS.

A. Calls involving touching the net, a ball touching a player, hitting a ball before it crosses the net, or double bounce **are the responsibility of the player committing the infraction.**

B. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

1. If the cell phone of a player (or that player's coach on the court) rings during the match, said player will receive a warning and each subsequent offense will be assessed a point penalty.
2. If the cell phone of a player (or that player's coach on the court) rings while the ball is in play, that player loses the point being played.

3. **The use of any electronic device (e.g. cell phones, digital messaging systems, radios, mp3 players, CD and DVD players, cassette players, and watches that receive digital messages) to receive coaching and other information is prohibited.** (USTA Rule 30. Comment 30.1) **First offense, the player will be warned and each subsequent offense will be a point penalty.**

4.5 FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

If a player makes a loud outburst in a language that the official or coach does not understand, the official should caution the player that further foreign language outbursts that are not understood by the official will be penalized in the Point Penalty System as unsportsmanlike conduct. (USTA FAC IV.D-17 p.128)

4.6 CALLING THE SCORE.

“The Server shall announce the game score before the first point of the game and the point score before each subsequent point of the game. (USTA FAC 5.3 and Code #31).”If a disagreement occurs and cannot be resolved between the players, **points that can be agreed upon count** and the match is resumed at the point where both agree. “Disputes over the score shall be resolved by using one of the following methods, which are listed in the order of preference:

- a. Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only the disputed points or games.
- b. Play from a score mutually agreeable to all players.
- c. pin a racket or toss a coin. (USTA Code #31.)

4.7 NON INJURY TIME-OUTS (BODILY FLUIDS)

In the case of injury involving bleeding, body fluids, asthma attacks, and/or diabetic attacks the affected player is entitled time to stop the bleeding/body fluids and clean the affected area, administer medication or administer insulin (insulin medication may be administered either on or off the court). If clothing becomes soaked with blood or body fluids, the player must change clothing. The instance when blood and/or body fluids are involved shall not be counted as an injury timeout. **“If the bleeding /body fluids or the removal of the blood/body fluids/asthma attack, or insulin attack takes more than 15 minutes or if the official in charge determines that the continuation of the match would likely involve continued interruptions and thus would not be fair to the opponent, the official shall require the player who is bleeding/body fluids/or having an asthma attack or insulin attack to retire.”**

(USTA FAC Comment III.E.2 p. 110)

4.8 REST ROOM BREAK

Bathroom Visit. A player may request one or more suspensions of play for a toilet visit. For each request the referee or other official in charge shall decide if it is a genuine toilet emergency, as opposed to general player fatigue. If the request is not granted, play continues. Because of the proximity of restrooms, there is no time limit on restroom breaks but the individuals must make every effort to return to play as quickly as possible.

However toilet breaks should take place during the two (2) minute set break whenever possible (USTA FAC Comment 29.3, p.24).

COACHING IS NOT PERMITTED DURING THE SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR EITHER A MEDICAL TIME-OUT OR A BATHROOM VISIT (USTA Comment 30.2 p. 26)



“Tie-Break” Procedure for Tennis

In all girls and boys dual matches and tournament matches the twelve (12) point tie-breaker system of play shall be used

The following system shall be used in a tie-break set.

SINGLES:

A player who first wins seven points shall win the game and the set provided the player leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie-break game.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the winner of the game and set has been decided.

From the first point, each service shall be delivered alternately from the right and left courts beginning from the right court. If service from a wrong half of the court occurs and it is undetected, all play resulting from such wrong service or services shall stand, but the inaccuracy of station should be corrected immediately.

Players shall change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tie break game.

DOUBLES:

In doubles the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order as previously in that set, until the winner of the game and set have been decided.

ROTATION OF SERVICE

The player (or pair in the case of doubles) who served first in the tie-break game shall receive service in the first game of the following set. Players also change sides after the last point of the tie-break game.

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OTCA TEAM TOURNAMENT

The Ohio Tennis Coaches' Association (**OTCA**) sponsors a Boys and Girls Team Tournament in each Division. To locate information regarding the team tennis tournament, please refer to the OTCA website, www.otca.us . You will find information regarding State Team Tournament Pairings and General Guidelines on the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association's website. **You will also find information regarding the various awards (Hall of Fame, James Rakestraw Longevity Award, Service Awards, etc) at www.otca.us**



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