

MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

PROCEDURES FOR POSTSEASON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Classes AA, A & B/C

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I. Manager Information

MHSA Boys and Girls Tennis Announcements

- The MHSA postseason tennis tournament sites can be found on-line at www.mhsa.org.
- The *List of Participants form* to enter your players for the postseason can be found on the tennis page of the MHSA website at www.mhsa.org.

2022-23 Boys and Girls Tennis Important Dates to Remember

March 1, 2024	Tennis Rules Clinic will be available to viewed online at www.mhsa.org .
March 11, 2024	Class AA, A and B/C – first day of practice
March 22, 2024	Class AA, A and B/C - First day for competition and all head coaches must complete the MHSA Tennis Rules Clinic.
May 13 - 18, 2024	Divisional Tournaments are held during this week for all classes.
May 23 - 25, 2024	Class B/C State will be held in Missoula at Fort Missoula and Playfair Park. This event is hosted by John O'Dell from Broadwater High School. If it does rain, we have access to the inside courts at the Peak.
May 23 - 24, 2024	Class AA State will be held in Bozeman at Gallatin High School and Bozeman High School. This event is hosted by Mark Ator from Bozeman.
May 23 - 24, 2024	Class A State will be held in Kalispell at Flathead Valley Community College. This event is hosted by Aric Harris from Whitefish High School.

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Manager's Checklist

Tennis Manager Checklist

In the first week of the tennis season, the host school for the postseason tournament must send an information packet to each school. The packet should provide information on the following:

- Welcome letter
- All contact information (who to call with any questions)
- Format (examples: doubles location, singles location, etc.)
- List of Participants Form
- Fees and who to write your check to
- Availability for practice
- Spectator Areas
- Deadlines for entry
- Food service
- Directions to the courts / school bus parking
- Starting times, local rules, responsibility of players and coaches
- Local hotel and restaurant information
- Request for assistance from other schools

Tournament Director Checklist

- Coaches' meeting
- Referee communication
- Pairings
- Umpire (possible)
- Score sheets preparation
- Player Code of Conduct
- Local rules
- Court preparation
- Awards
- Results to MHSA and next level manager
- Coaches' badges

Tennis Manager's Guide

Tournament Management

The host school must designate a tournament manager who will be responsible for the administration of the tournament. The tournament manager must also determine who the rules officials will be at the tournament site. The rules official is responsible for administering the rules of tennis.

Communication

It is recommended that **four** weeks before the beginning of the tournament, the host school must send an information packet to each school. The packet should provide information on all contacts, List of Participants Form, fees, court availability for practice, spectator areas, deadlines for entry, food service, directions, starting times, local rules, responsibility of players and coaches, and who to call with any questions.

Coaches Meeting

It is customary to have a coaches meeting before the start of the tournament. This meeting can be held the night before or the day of, depending on what is the most convenient time for all coaches to attend. It is beneficial to have all of the key tournament personnel available to address the group concerning court information, schedule, playing rules, etc.

Corporate Sponsors - Tennis Ball

Wilson is the official ball and tennis supplier of the Montana High School Association. The Wilson US Open ball is the ball used for all MHSA state tennis meets. The MHSA recommends the use of this ball for all regular and other postseason events.

Court Monitors

Tournaments may have a need for court monitors. Court monitors should follow the following guidelines:

- Provide decisions related only to the remedy asked for by the players involved.
- As a linesman, only overrule a call when requested to do so.
- If requested to monitor foot faults or net violations, you will make the call immediately as a delayed call will impede the progress of the game.
- Introduce yourself to both players. Remember your purpose is to ease any tensions, not increase them.

Court monitors can be called at any time. They should be familiar with the site rules and especially with the job description given for court monitors. The tournament manager should provide the court monitor with any necessary site rules. Any problems not addressed should be referred to the head official at the site and ultimately to the tournament manager.

Fund Raising

The soliciting of voluntary contributions is prohibited at any Association contest. Unless approved by the MHSA Executive Board, raffles (or similar fundraising activities) are prohibited at playoffs, championship games, tournaments, meets, and/or festivals that are under the direct supervision of the MHSA Executive Board. Fifty/fifty tickets are considered a form of raffle type fundraising and are therefore prohibited.

Corporate sponsorship of any postseason event is the responsibility of the MHSA Executive Board and requires Board approval. Exceptions are:

- Program advertisements
- Signage or announcements acknowledging the receipt of donated goods including food or beverages for the hospitality room, the use of tents at outdoor events, or the use of other equipment necessary for staging the event. Signage should be placed only in the appropriate areas, i.e. on the tents or in the hospitality room/area.

Established facility sponsorships are not affected, provided that MHSAs corporate sponsorship requirements are met.

Drug and Alcohol Policies

As tournament managers you should inform all school administrators of the attending schools of the MHSAs Drug and Alcohol Policy, which states:

The MHSAs prohibits any use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol or other mood-altering drugs during competition. Violation will cause the coach or participant to be disqualified from further participation in that event.

List of Participants

The tournament manager should send each school in their class or division a *List of Participants form* for entry into the postseason tournament. This form should have a specific deadline to be returned to the tournament manager. The form is included with this procedure manual and can be found on the tennis page of the MHSAs website. Here is the procedure per class:

- Class AA, A and B/C - Participating schools should send the form directly to the divisional tournament managers, and then divisional managers will forward their results to the state tournament site.

Before a substitute can be used in any postseason tournament, he/she must be approved by the MHSAs office.

Media Policy

- Policies for videotaping, cybercasting, telecasting and photography of MHSAs events are outlined on pages 27-28 of the MHSAs Handbook.
- Photographs can be taken for personal use only.
- Legitimate media members may register for postseason credentials at www.mhsa.org on the Media Resources page.

Seeding

For the divisional tournaments, tournament managers should use the guidelines established in the Divisional Seeding section of this manual, along with any other conference policies they may have. For the state tournaments, official pairings for the State Tennis Meets will be released by the MHSAs office after the divisional tournaments are completed.

Starting Times

Starting times for divisional or state play will be made by the local manager.

Trophies and Awards

All awards are shipped directly to the host school from Universal Awards out of Billings by UPS. The Montana High School Association will pay for these trophies and awards. They should arrive one week prior to the tournament. It is likely that some awards will be in more than one box. Open all the awards and check them over the same day they arrive. If you have not received the correct awards or the awards are not in good condition, please call the MHSAs and ask to speak to Greta Buehler.

For more information about the awards to be presented and the process for award presentations, see the Trophies and Awards Information Sheet.

Weather

A. Guideline on Handling Contests During Lightning or Thunder Disturbances.

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school association

and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning:

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area.
 - a. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.**
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d. When independently validated lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or lightning should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

B. Rain Delays

For any extended rain delays, Brian Michelotti, Executive Director of the MHSA, must approve rescheduling of tournament play to other dates – including the authorization to play on Sunday.

C. Heat Related Issues

The following guidelines should be instituted by meet management in the following order to ensure the safety of the athletes should heat and heat related issues become a factor.

1. Time extension on changeovers.
2. Official/meet manager may institute periodic timeouts during the match after game points. Length of timeouts will be dependent upon weather circumstances.
3. The meet director in consultation with medical personnel will determine the continuation of tennis outside in excessive heat. Matches could be shortened at the conclusion of a round.

Vendors

Vendors of any other kind of good or service (besides normal concessions) must have written approval from the Executive Director of the MHSA.

MHSA Website Updates - Please send in the final results to Greta Buehler at the MHSA after the completion of the tournament, so we can post this on our website. Greta's cell phone number is (406) 690-0714 and her e-mail is gbuehler@mhsa.org.

II. Tennis Teams in each Classification

Seventeen (17) schools comprising sixteen (16) teams are classified as Class AA. The schools are aligned in four divisions as follows:

Western

Butte
Missoula Big Sky
Missoula Hellgate
Missoula Sentinel

Northern

Flathead (Kalispell)
Great Falls/MSDB*
Great Falls CMR
Glacier (Kalispell)

Eastern

Belgrade
Billings Senior
Billings Skyview
Billings West

Southern

Bozeman
Gallatin (Bozeman)
Helena Capital
Helena

*Cooperative Sponsorship

Twenty (20) schools are classified as Class A. The schools are aligned in four divisions as follows:

Southwest

Beaverhead Co. (Dillon)
Butte Central
Corvallis
Hamilton
Stevensville

Northwest

Bigfork
Columbia Falls
Libby
Polson
Ronan
Whitefish

Northeast

Custer Co. (Miles City)
Dawson Co. (Glendive)
Fergus (Lewistown)
Havre

Southeast

Billings Central
East Helena
Hardin
Lockwood (Billings)
Park (Livingston)

Twenty-eight (28) schools are classified as Class B-C for girls' tennis. The schools are aligned in six divisions as follows:

Southwest

Anaconda
Darby
Lone Peak (Big Sky)
Loyola Sacred Heart
Valley Christian

Southeast

Broadwater (Townsend)
Granite (Philipsburg)
Jefferson (Boulder)
Red Lodge
Three Forks

Northwest

Choteau
St. Ignatius
Superior
Troy

East

Baker
Forsyth
Poplar
Wolf Point

Central

Conrad
Cut Bank
Great Falls Central
Simms
Terry

Northeast

Chester-Joplin-Inverness
Chinook
Fairfield
Fort Benton
Harlem

Sixteen (16) schools are classified as Class B-C for boys' tennis. The schools are aligned in three divisions as follows:

Southwest

Anaconda
Darby
Jefferson (Boulder)
Lone Peak (Big Sky)
Loyola Sacred Heart
(Missoula)
Valley Christian

Central

Conrad
Cut Bank
Great Falls Central
Simms
Terry

Northwest

Chester-Joplin-Inverness
Choteau
Granite
St. Ignatius
Troy

III. Playing Rules for MHSА Postseason Tennis

USTA playing rules will be used for all competition in addition to any local rules or MHSА rules and regulations. The host manager, or their designee, will be the sole judge on rule interpretations. The site director serves as the umpire at each site, unless an official rules umpire is present. Situations brought to the judge will not include team or individual names so the ruling can be as objective as possible.

Competitors' conduct

- All tennis players in MHSА sanctioned tournaments shall be penalized one team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site after a match or before the next match or at the end the tournament. Any contestant disqualified in an individual tournament competition is not entitled to any points earned in the tournament. All advancement points and placement points are negated. All vacancies created in the tournament pairing shall be scored as forfeits. During the match, players are under the point penalty system of warning, point, game, match. Warnings of this rule shall be written in pretournament letters and given to all players at the pretournament meeting.
- Each tennis court should have a site director and that director should be in charge of administering the penalty system above for violation/abuse of any equipment or facilities, abusive language, abusive gestures, and other obnoxious, offensive behavior.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the tournament site includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: throwing rackets or any equipment, swearing, intentionally hitting game balls out of the court, being abusive to tournament officials, and fighting.

Coaching Information - the MHSА has instituted this best practice in relationship to coaching rules in all classifications of MHSА tennis:

- Eligible member school tennis coaches are permitted to talk with their player(s):
 - At 90 second change overs, except following the first game of a set. During shortened sets, coaches will be allowed to coach after the first game when the score is 3-2.
 - At 120 second change set break (end of set).
 - At split sets 10 minute rest period when playing regular 3rd set or 120 seconds with match tiebreaker.
- **Once players have taken the court for warm-ups, no coaching is allowed until the 90-second change over after the 3rd game.**
- Coaches also may **not** coach players during a bathroom break or a medical timeout (during a medical timeout, coaches can treat players for an injury, just not use this as a coaching opportunity) – per USTA rules.
- Locations where coaching can occur:
 - Outside Courts – coaching will be at the fence, not on the court. The tournament manager may also determine other coaching locations, based on the facility setup.
 - Inside Courts – Tournament managers will determine the coaching locations.
- Who can coach - to be an approved coach, an individual must:
 - Be approved by their local school district administration.
 - Have passed the MHSА Coaches Education Program.
 - Have been a bona fide member of the coaching staff during the season.
 - Have proper identification.
- Coaches are expected to help with the crowd control at the sites.

Decisions - The decision must be made on each play. There is no replay of a point except in the case of a let. Only coaches and players can ask the site director to put a judge on the court to make calls if a problem arises.

Feathers worn in the hair - Below is how we will interpret feathers, tinsel or beads that are worn in the hair. We will treat this type of hair device very similar to the NFHS Volleyball Rules. Under NFHS Volleyball Rule 4-1-6b "hair devices made of soft material and no more than 3 inches wide may be worn."

- The rule does not specify the device must be used for hair control.
- The feather or tinsel cannot be wider than 3 inches. Length is not addressed in the rule. Most of these will not exceed a width of 3 inches.
- Items that fall within the rule would have to be considered in context with the rules.
- If the item is inappropriate by sportsmanship standards, prohibit the item from being worn.
- Hard and unyielding items being worn are prohibited.
- If an item presents a problem falling out (beads), USTA rules will be followed.

Hair Control Devices - Hair devices made of soft material or unadorned hair devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes, or hair clips, no longer than 2 inches, may be worn to control a player's hair. Hair adornments made of soft material and no more than two inches wide may be worn.

Inclement Weather Format – Inside - See Rules for Divisional and State sections for inclement weather formats.

Jewelry Policy – Jewelry is allowed per USTA rules, **with the exception of smartwatches or other devices that can be used to communicate with others.**

Match Tiebreaker - Match tiebreakers are sometimes played in lieu of a third set (see Indoor Format below). They follow the same rules and service rotations as the Set 7-Point Tiebreaker, except the winner is the first to score 10 points by a margin of 2.

Match Warm-ups - Outside and inside warm-up time will be 10 minutes. This warm-up will be timed and this time includes serving and net play. Tournament managers may shorten the warm-up to 5 minutes for special situations.

Medical Timeouts – a medical timeout consists of a maximum of three minutes of treatment time for a treatable medical condition.

- A meet official should be alerted and will monitor the time.
- The time starts when a trainer or coach arrives at the court.
- A player is limited to one medical timeout in warm-up and one in match for the same injury/condition.
- 15 minutes is the maximum time that play may be interrupted for injury evaluation and treatment during a match regardless of the number of injuries treated.
- Bleeding Timeout – a bleeding timeout consists of up to 15 minutes to stop visible bleeding and clean up the court.
 - A player is limited to one bleeding timeout in warm-up and one in match.
 - Additional bleeding timeout is allowed if visible bleeding occurs in a different area of the body.
 - 15 minutes is the maximum time that play may be interrupted for bleeding regardless of the number of different areas of the body where bleeding occurs.
- A player that is not able to resume play after the 15-minute maximum for a medical timeout and/or the 15-minute maximum for a bleeding timeout will default the match.

Nets - All tennis nets must be regulation height. Competitors are prohibited from changing the nets.

Normal Format - Outside

- Best of 3 sets and regular scoring will be used.
- USTA Set (7-point) tiebreaker will be used. See *Tie Breaker Sheet* (1st to 7 points by 2 point margin).
- 10 minutes rest will be allowed if split sets.
- There should be 2 tennis balls per match
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.

Rest Time Between Matches: When players are involved in back-to-back matches, the MHSA will allow a minimum of a 30-minute rest period and a maximum of 60-minute rest period for both singles and doubles competition. After the 30-minute rest period, the match will be allowed to begin if both the players and coaches involved are ready to start the match. For consistency, the MHSA recommends a minimum of 30 minutes for all matches.

Set Tie Breaker - The MHSA method of breaking ties (USTA Set, 7-point Tie Breaker) will be used throughout the tournament, except for the tiebreaker mentioned in the inclement weather format section.

Scoring Devices - If possible, scoring devices should be available to keep score at each court. Please inform players to use them.

Uniforms for Competitors: Per MHSA Tennis Rules, Section I, General Rules and Regulations, item 2, which can be found under the MHSA Uniform/Dress Codes rules in this manual or in the MHSA Handbook.

Class Specific Rules:

- During competition at all AA divisional tournaments players shall be limited to three full matches or five abbreviated matches per day.
- During competition at all Class A divisional tournaments players shall be limited to four full matches per day. There is no match limit per day for shortened matches.
- During competition at all Class B/C Divisional Tennis Meets, players will be limited to 3 full matches per day unless players have played less than 6 hours, then 4 matches would be allowed. There is no match limit per day for shortened matches.

Required number of Regular Season Meets

For an athlete to be eligible to compete in the postseason meet he/she must compete in at least two (2) Association-sanctioned meets during the regular tennis season. A medical waiver from a certified physician stating that an athlete has sustained an injury preventing him/her from competing until that time will be accepted as a condition to be exempt from this rule. The high school for which the student will participate must file a request with the MHSAA Executive Director for consideration of a waiver of this rule.

IV. Rules for Divisional Tournaments

Competition Format – Normal Conditions

See Section III of this manual, *Normal Format--Outside*

Competition Format - Inclement Weather

Best of 3 sets:

- Sets 1 & 2 regular but each set will be shortened by starting at 2 games each.
- Set 3 - 10 point match tiebreaker - first to 10 points but win by 2.
- A 120-second set break, if split sets. Once a round has started, the scoring format will be the same whether the round is finished inside or outside.
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.
- Tournament Director can modify to no add scoring if needed.

The decision of which format to use for shortened matches will be decided by the tournament manager in consultation with the MHSA.

Divisional Manager

Each division is responsible for selecting a site and manager for its divisional tournament. In case of foul weather the tournament will be held on the Monday following the regular scheduled time of the divisional meet, with the approval of the MHSA Executive Director.

Divisional Scoring

- Scoring in Class AA divisional tournaments will be: 1st-7 points; 2nd-5 points; 3rd-3 points; 4th-1 point.
- Scoring in Class A divisional tournaments will be: 1st-10 points; 2nd-7 points; 3rd-4 points; and 4th-2 points.
- Scoring in the divisional B-C tournaments will be 1st-10 points; 2nd - 7 points; 3rd - 4 points; 4th - 2 points

The four events are boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. To determine team champions in all of the divisional tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winner's bracket and one (1) advancement point for those advancing on the consolation brackets, one point also for defaults, forfeits and disqualifications. Byes receive two (2) points on the winners' side of the bracket if the individuals win their next match and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket.

Entries

All entries to the divisional meet shall be forwarded to the divisional meet manager one week in advance of the divisional tournament.

Events

Events will be boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. Both boys and girls shall be allowed to enter one event only, either singles or doubles, but not both.

Entries Per Classification at the Divisional Tournament

- Class AA may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, four boys 'doubles teams and four girls' doubles teams in competition.
- Class A may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, three boys 'doubles teams and three girls' doubles teams in competition.
- Class B/C may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, two boys 'doubles teams and two girls' doubles teams in competition.

Qualifiers for the State Tournament

- The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams from each divisional tournament in Classes AA and A will advance to the state tournament.
- B/C Boys – Qualifying numbers will depend on the number of teams in the division for a 16-player singles bracket and a 16-player doubles team bracket at state. If a team is not fielded, then a qualifying spot is taken from the division and a wildcard will be awarded at random draw.
- B/C Girls – Qualifying numbers will depend on the number of teams in the division for

a 32-player singles bracket and a 32-doubles team bracket at state. If a team is not fielded then a qualifying spot is taken from the division and a wildcard will be awarded at random draw.

Same School Matchups

Care should be taken to avoid, when possible, early round confrontation of contestants from the same school.

Seeding

Each division will be charged with the responsibility of determining the divisional tournament seeding criteria. Suggested criteria for seeding entries could include the following: past record in previous state high school meets, divisional meets, head-to-head competition with most recent matches carrying the most weight, and record against common opponents.

Substitutes

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

V. Rules for State Tennis Meet

Class B/C State Tournament Costs

Each Class B-C school choosing to participate in their state tennis meet will be required to share proportionately the cost of the tournament by paying a fee per participant. This fee will be set by the MHSA Executive Board when the state site is determined.

Competition Format – Normal Conditions

See Section III of this manual, *Normal Format--Outside*

Competition Format - Inclement Weather Format

For the first day of the Class A State tournament, modified scoring should not be used indoors or outdoors on both the championship and consolation bracket.

Best of 3 sets:

- Sets 1 & 2 regular but each set will be shortened by starting at 2 games each.
- Set 3 - 10 point match tiebreaker - first to 10 points but win by 2.
- A 120-second set break, if split sets. Once a round has started, the scoring format will be the same whether the round is finished inside or outside.
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format;
- Tournament Director can modify to no add scoring if needed.

Entries for State

Entries to the State Tennis Meets will be certified by the division tournament manager. These entries must be reported not later than the Monday before the opening of the state tennis meet.

State Tournaments

Three state tennis meets will be held — one for Class AA, one for Class A, and one for Class B-C.

State Tournament Brackets

- The state AA meet will utilize a 16-place bracket with contestants consisting of four qualifiers from each of the four divisions.
- The state A meet will utilize a 16-place bracket with contestants consisting of four qualifiers from each of four divisions advancing to the state tournament.
- For the state B-C girls' meet, 32 individuals will qualify for girls' singles and 32 teams will qualify for girls' doubles.
- For the state B-C boys' meet, 16 individuals will qualify for boys' singles and 16 teams will qualify for boys' doubles.

State Tournament Scoring

Class AA: 1st - 9 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points and 4th - 3 points and 5th – 1 point

Class A: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points, 4th - 3 points and 5th - 1 point.

Class B-C: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 7 points, 3rd - 5 points, 4th - 4 points, 5th - 3 points, and 6th - 1 point.

The four events are boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. To determine team champions in the state tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winner's bracket and one (1) advancement point for those advancing on the consolation brackets, one point also for defaults, forfeits and disqualifications. Byes receive two (2) points on the winners' side of the bracket if the individuals win their next match and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket.

Substitutes at State

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the state meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute can be the alternate that was listed for doubles at the divisional tournament or a team member that participated in the divisional tournament as a singles or a doubles team player that did not qualify for state.

Official Pairings and Bracket for State Tennis Meets

The official pairings for the State AA Tennis Meet consist of three parts which will be released by the MHSAs office after the divisional tournaments are completed.

<u>Bracket I</u>	<u>Bracket II</u>	<u>Bracket III</u>
1st East 4th South	1st East 4th West	1st East 4th North
2nd North 3rd West	2nd North 3rd South	2nd West 3rd South
2nd West 3rd North	2nd South 3rd North	2nd South 3rd West
1st South 4th East	1st West 4th East	4th East 1st North
1st West 4th North	1st North 4th South	1st West 4th South
2nd East 3rd South	2nd East 3rd West	2nd East 3rd North
2nd South 3rd East	2nd West 3rd East	2nd North 3rd East
1st North 4th West	1st South 4th North	1st South 4th West

The official pairings for the State A Tennis Meet (boys and girls) consist of three parts which will be released by the MHSAs office after the divisional tournaments are completed.

<u>Bracket I</u>	<u>Bracket II</u>	<u>Bracket III</u>
1SE 4SW	1SE 4NW	1SE 4NE
2NW 3NE	2NE 3SW	2SW 3NW
2NE 3NW	2SW 3NE	2NW 3SW
4SE 1SW	4SE 1NW	4SE 1NE
1NW 4NE	1NE 4SW	1SW 4NW
2SW 3SE	2NW 3SE	2SE 3NE
2SE 3SW	3NW 2SE	3SE 2NE
4NW 1NE	4NE 1SW	4SW 1NW

The official pairings for State B-C Tennis will be distributed by the MHSAs office after the completion of the divisional tournaments.

The following guidelines shall be used for qualifying into State B-C Tennis:

- **Girls State Meet Qualification:**
 - A 32-player bracket will be used for both girls' singles and girls' doubles.
 - Qualifying singles players or doubles teams will equal the number of teams in each division.
 - The additional contestants each year to fill a 32-place bracket will be rotated among the six divisions. The rotation will be SE, C, NW, NE, SW, E.
 - If a doubles team is not fielded, then a qualifying spot is taken from the division and a wildcard will be awarded at random draw.
- **Boys State Meet Qualification:**
 - A 32-player bracket will be used for both girls' singles and girls' doubles.
 - Qualifying singles players or doubles teams will equal the number of teams in each division.
 - The additional contestants each year to fill a 32-place bracket will be rotated among the six divisions. The rotation will be SE, C, NW, NE, SW, E.
 - If a doubles team is not fielded, then a qualifying spot is taken from the division and a wildcard will be awarded at random draw.

VI. MHSA Uniform / Dress Code Rule

Participants will wear the following school-approved attire (uniform to include top and bottom garments): shirts will be full-length with finished edges with collars, traditional crewneck, v-neck or mock-turtle neck design. Well-fitting racer back tops, tank tops, and other appropriately fitted tops will be allowed. Halter tops and spaghetti straps will not be permitted. Shorts and skirts will be worn at the waist. All skorts (a pair of compression shorts having a flap or panel across the front and back to resemble a skirt), as well as leggings, are legal bottom garments. The skort must be appropriately sized for the individual, worn as the manufacturer intended.

One piece tennis dresses are legal as long as they meet all requirements of the MHSA tennis uniform upper and lower garments. The upper portion of the tennis dress will be full-length with finished edges with collars, traditional crewneck, v-neck or mock-turtle neck design. The lower portion of the tennis dress must be appropriately sized for the individual, worn as the manufacturer intended.

Adornments on clothing or headwear will not advertise drugs or alcohol or contain offensive material as deemed inappropriate by the meet director or tournament manager. After the first violation of this rule, there will be a warning administered for the individual and the team with the uniform violation being corrected within five minutes before continuation of play is to resume. After the second violation, the individual forfeits the match and the team is deducted one (1) team point.

The meet director has the right to waive the uniform rule due to inclement weather; however, each participant must be dressed appropriately during all competition.



VII. Basic Tennis Etiquette and Procedures for Players During Matches

Making Calls

1. A player makes calls on his/her side of the net - promptly.
2. A ball landing on the line is good.
3. Opponents get the benefit of the doubt.
4. If a ball can't be called out with certainty, it is good.
5. The call of a player looking down a line is much more likely to be accurate than that of a player looking across a line. When you are looking across a line, don't call a ball out unless you can clearly see part of the court between where the ball hits and the line. It is difficult for a player who stands on one baseline to question a call on a ball that landed near the other baseline.
6. Partner's disagree on calls. If a player and his/her partner disagree about whether the ball was out, they shall call it good.
7. Audible or visible calls. No matter how obvious it is to a player that his/her opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to prompt audible or visible call.
8. Spectators are never to make calls.
9. Lets should be called when balls roll on the court. The server receives 2 serves.

Serving

1. Servers must call out the game score, **loud and clear**, each time a point is earned.
2. Foot Faults - A player may warn his/her opponent that the opponent has committed a flagrant foot fault. If the foot faulting continues, the player may attempt to locate the site director.
3. Service calls in doubles - The receiver's partner should call the service line, and the receiver should call the sideline and the center service line. Either partner may call a ball that he/she clearly sees.
4. Service calls by the serving team - Neither the server nor his/her partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt.
5. Receiver readiness - The receiver should make no effort to return a serve when he/she is not ready. If a player attempts to return a serve, it is presumed that he/she is ready.
6. Delays during service - When there is a delay between the first and second serves:
 - The server gets one serve if he/she was the cause of the delay.
 - The server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the receiver or if there was outside interference.
7. Service let calls. Any player can call a service let.
8. Players are not allowed to stand in the receiving court during service. Additionally, a receiver's partner shall not:
 - Move in or around the receiving box, causing a distraction
 - Wave equipment in and out of the receiving box, causing a distraction
9. Rectifying mistakes - The general rule is that errors are rectified as soon as they are discovered but not during play, and points remain.
 - If a server serves from the wrong court, the point stands and he/she serves the next point from the proper court.
 - If in doubles, the wrong person serves, the game stands and his/her partner serves the next game from his/her side. If discovered during the game, the partner whose turn it is to serve, takes over.
10. Discarding a second ball - The server's discarding of a second ball may constitute a deliberate hindrance. If the receiver asks the server to stop discarding the ball, then the server shall stop the practice.

Grunting

1. A player should avoid grunting and making other loud noises. Grunting and other loud noises may bother not only opponents but also players on adjacent court.

Line Judges

1. If line judges are placed on the court, the players continue to call their own lines. Line judges over-rule only if players ask for help.

VIII. Tennis Code of Conduct/Point Penalty

Misconduct	*1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
• Violation of USTA Rule No. 29, taking more than ninety seconds on changeover or taking more than 20 seconds between points	1 point	4 points	Disqualification
• Prolonging argument over decision after directed to resume play	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Failure to commence play after expiration of warm-up minutes	1 point		
Lateness in being ready			
• A player or players who are not ready to play, or are not properly attired, when a court and opponent are available after a match has been called will be penalized		1 game after 5 minutes, 2 games after 10 min., defaulted after 15 min.	
• To start a match, after an intermission	1 point per minute or fraction thereof		
• To resume play within fifteen minutes of injury (considered a 1 time-out injury)	Disqualification		
NOTE: The time-out for injury should begin once a trainer is available on the court or if the coach or the site director makes the decision on the court.			
Profane or obscene language or gestures			
• Directed at no one in particular	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Directed at an official, opponent, or spectator	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Unsportsmanlike acts			
• Knocking ball out of enclosure	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Intentional racquet dropping	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Hitting ball or throwing racquet at/near person	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
• Intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Gross Misconduct			
• Trash talking	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct	Disqualification/Ejection		
• A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct after the player has completed his/her last match	1 point team deduction		
Use of an Ineligible Coach	1 point team deduction per match		

***There may be one warning prior to the first offense per competitor for minor unsportsmanlike acts. The tournament manager will announce this procedure during his pretournament meeting. Penalties carry over throughout a tournament.**

NOTE: The tournament manager/site director and eligible coach may invoke point penalties in matches where there is no umpire, provided they personally observe the misconduct. In addition, it is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools to monitor player conduct. Any coach, tournament manager, or site director who personally observes misconduct may invoke the point penalties, provided they report their action to the tournament manager/site director.

MHSA Rules - All tennis players in MHSA sanctioned tournaments shall be penalized one team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site after a match or before the next match or at the end the tournament. During the match, players are under the Tennis Code of Conduct / point penalty system of the USTA.

In accordance with MHSA By-Laws, any player or coach ejected (not disqualified) from a match will be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

IX. MHTA Method of Breaking Ties USTA Set (7-point) Tie Breaker

7 out of 12 Points

At six all in games, the player whose turn it is to serve shall put the ball into play for the first point of any tiebreaker.

SINGLES: Player A serves Point 1, right court; Player B serves Points 2 and 3, left court and right court; A serves Points 4 and 5 (L and R); B serves Point 6 (L) and, after players then CHANGE SIDES, Point 7 (R); A serves Points 8 and 9 (L and R); B serves Points 10 and 11 (L and R); A serves Point 12 (L). If either player wins 7 points, by a margin of two points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6.

If the score reaches 6 points all, the players then CHANGE SIDES, and players shall continue to serve as before until one player establishes a margin of 2 points. Player A serves Point 13, right court; Player B serves Points 14 and 15, left court and right court; A serves Points 16 and 17 (L and R); B serves Point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the players then CHANGE SIDES every 6 points and repeat this procedure.

1. The players shall "change sides for one game" after a tiebreak.
2. Player B shall serve first in the set following the playing of the tiebreak, thus assuring that she will be first server if this set also goes into a tiebreak.
3. Players shall change sides during the tiebreak without rest.
4. The tiebreak counts as one game in reckoning ball changes. If a ball change was called for (on) the tiebreak game, new balls shall be used.

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Player A	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	
Player B		L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R		

DOUBLES: (A and B) versus (C and D). Assume that Player D has served the 12th game. Same procedure as in singles will apply. Players preserve the sequence of their serving turns. Player A serves Point 1, right court; Player C serves Points 2 and 3, left court and right court; B serves Points 4 and 5 (L and R); D serves Point 6 (L) and, after teams then CHANGE SIDES, Point 7 (R); A serves Points 8 and 9 (L and R); C serves Points 10 and 11 (L and R); B serves Point 12 (L). If either team wins 7 points, by a margin of two points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6.

If the score reaches 6 points all, teams then CHANGE SIDES, and players shall continue to serve as before until one team establishes a margin of 2 points. Player B serves Point 13, right court; Player D serves Points 14 and 15, left court and right court; A serves Points 16 and 17 (L and R); C serves Point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the teams then CHANGE SIDES every 6 points and repeat this procedure with the continuing sequence of service.

Teams shall "change sides for one game" after a tiebreak with team (C and D) to serve first.

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Players (A & B)	AR			BL	BR			AL	AR			BL	BR			AL	AR			BL	BR			AL	
Players (C & D)		CL	CR			DL	DR			CL	CR			DL	DR			CL	CR			DL	DR		

"No-Ad" Scoring

A player need win only four points to win a game. If the score goes to three points all (or deuce), the next point decides the game - it is game point for both players. The receiver has the right to choose to which court the service is to be delivered on the seventh point. If a "No-Ad" set reaches 6 games all, the tiebreaker system shall be used.

Match Tiebreakers

Additional Note: Match Tiebreakers are sometimes played in lieu of a third set. They follow the same rules and service rotations as the Set 7-Point Tiebreaker, except the winner is the first to score 10 points by a margin of 2.

X. Trophies and Awards Information Sheet

All awards are shipped directly to the host school from Universal Awards out of Billings by UPS. The Montana High School Association will pay for these trophies and awards. They should arrive one week prior to the tournament. It is likely that some awards will be in more than one box. Open all the awards and check them over the same day they arrive. If you have not received the correct awards or the awards are not in good condition, please call the MHSAA and ask to speak to Brian Michelotti.

Because of the involvement of NorthWestern Energy in the awards program, we are requesting that you recognize the Company in the presentation of awards at the event. Just prior to the presentation of the awards, please announce that NorthWestern Energy is the sponsor of all MHSAA awards.

The only trophies or individual awards that may be presented at any MHSAA tournament site shall be those provided by the MHSAA. No school shall be permitted to purchase or present additional trophies or individual awards over and above those authorized by the MHSAA.

Individual miniature trophies for first and second place MHSAA state championship events may be purchased from the Associations awards provider.

Also, a representative from the MHSAA, either an Executive Board Member or MHSAA Staff Member, will usually be present to assist with the awards presentation.

Finally – Awards ceremonies for the tournament will not take place until all matches are complete. If a team would like to leave early, they will not be involved in the awards ceremony.

Actual Awards for Tennis are as follows:

- A. Division
 - 1. Team – In Classes A and B/C, a maximum of three (3) trophies will be awarded in each division as per General Rules for Awards, (6). Exception: In Class AA no trophies will be awarded.
 - 2. Individual - A medal will be awarded to the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to the third through fourth place winners in both singles and doubles as mandated by the tennis section. In Classes A and B-C, a medal will be awarded to the top three placers and a ribbon will be awarded to fourth place.
- B. State
 - 1. Team – A team trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.
 - 2. Individual – In Class AA, a medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in both singles and doubles. In Classes A and B-C, a medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in both singles and doubles.

XI. Forms

The following pages illustrate these forms that apply to MHSА tennis:

- Class AA Divisional and State Tennis Qualifiers Forms
- Class A Divisional and State Tennis Qualifiers Forms
- Class B/C Boys Divisional Tennis Qualifiers for State Form
- Class B/C Girls Divisional and State Tennis Qualifiers Forms
- Contact and Accommodations List
- Sportsmanship



MHSAA Tennis

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Enter deadline date and time here
Divisional: Enter divisional tournament name here

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____

Name of hotel where team is staying at **state:** _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSAA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School	Record
1			
2			
3			
4			

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)		Record
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2	
1					
2					
3					
4					
Alt					

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, **one boy or one girl**, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send Entries to: Enter Contact
 Email – email@email.com
 Phone – Enter Phone #



MHSAA Class AA Tennis 2024

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Boys Qualifiers:

#	Boys Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Boys Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Girls Qualifiers:

#	Girls Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Girls Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Send results to Mark Ator, Bozeman Public Schools
Email – mark.ator@bsd7.org



MHSA Class AA Tennis 2024

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Tuesday – May 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____

Name of hotel where team is staying at **state**: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
3				
4				
Alt				

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send entries to: Greta Buehler
 Email: gbuehleri@mhsa.org
 Phone: 406-690-0714



MHSAA Class A Tennis 2024

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Boys Qualifiers:

#	Boys Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Boys Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Girls Qualifiers:

#	Girls Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			

#	Girls Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					

Send results to Aric Harris – Polson High School – harrisa@whitefishschools.org



MHSAA Class A Tennis 2024

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Enter deadline date and time here
Divisional: Enter divisional tournament name here

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____
 Name of hotel where team is staying: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSAA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
3				
Alt				

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, **one boy or one girl**, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send Entries to: Enter Contact
 Email: Enter Email Address
 Phone: Enter Phone #



MHSA Class B/C Tennis 2024 - Boys

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

- List all singles/doubles qualifiers from your divisional tournament.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants.

Boys Qualifiers from Each Division in 2024:

- Southwest–6 Teams + 0 Wild Card = 6 Singles and 6 Doubles Teams for State
- Northwest–5 Teams + 0 Wild Card = 5 Singles and 5 Doubles Teams for State
- Central –5 Teams + 0 Wild Card = 5 Singles and 5 Doubles Teams for State

Boys Singles

#	Boys Single Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Boys Doubles

#	Boys Doubles Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Send Results to John O'Dell – Broadwater High School
Tournament Manager and Head Tennis Coach
Email - jodell@townsend.k12.mt.us



MHSA Class B/C Tennis 2024 - Girls

List of Qualifiers from Divisional Tournaments to State

Deadline: Immediately following the completion of each divisional tournament.

Divisional Tournament: _____

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

Girls Qualifiers from Each Division in 2024:

- Southwest – 5 Teams + 1 Wild Card = 6 Singles and 6 Doubles Teams for State
- East – 4 Teams + 1 Wild Card = 5 Singles and 5 Doubles Teams for State
- Central– 5 Teams + 1 Wild Card = 6 Singles and 6 Doubles Teams for State
- Southeast – 5 Teams + 1 Wild Card = 6 Singles and 6 Doubles Teams for State
- Northwest – 4 Teams + 0 Wild Card = 4 Singles and 4 Doubles Teams for State
- Northeast - 5 Teams + 0 Wild Card = 5 Singles and 5 Doubles Teams for State

Girls Singles

#	<u>Girls Single</u> Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name)	School	Year in School
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Girls Doubles

#	<u>Girls Doubles</u> Players Qualifiers for State (First and Last Name of Both Players)		School	Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2		P1	P2
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Send Results to John O'Dell – Broadwater High School
Tournament Manager and Head Tennis Coach
Email - jodell@townsend.k12.mt.us



MHSAA Class B/C Tennis 2024

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: Enter deadline date and time here
Divisional: Enter divisional tournament name here

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____
 School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____
 Name of hotel where team is staying: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSAA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #1: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #2: _____ Cell #: _____
 Assistant Coach #3: _____ Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys Girls

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
Alt				

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, **one boy or one girl**, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

Send Entries to: Enter Contact
 Email: Enter Email Address
 Phone: Enter Phone Number

Contact and Accommodations List
202X Class XX State Tennis Tournament
Location, MT
May 202X

#	<u>School Name:</u>	<u>Head Coach Name:</u>	<u>Head Coach Cell #:</u>	<u>Asst Coach Name:</u>	<u>Asst Coach Cell #:</u>	<u>Hotel name where the team is staying:</u>
1						
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Sportsmanship

Coaches and Participants:

- Set a good example for spectators to follow.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials or other players, and accept their decisions graciously.
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athletes and coaches.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Show respect for opponents before, during, and after contests.
- Represent your team, school and community with dignity.

Spectators:

- Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions graciously.
- Show respect for members of the coaching staff and team.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Recognize and show appreciation for outstanding plays by either team.
- Use only cheers that are positive in support of their team.

Acceptable Behavior...

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of game officials.
- Spirit participants lead fans in positive support.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior...

- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booming or heckling an official's or other player's decision
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.

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1970Missoula Sentinel 43	B-CValley Christian 38
1971Billings West 30	AABozeman 38
1972	.....Billings Senior 30	A	.....Havre 44
1973	.....Billings Senior 24	B-C	.....Cut Bank 51
1974	.....Bozeman 15	2003 AA	.....Billings Senior 39
1975	.....Billings West 33	A	.....Havre 58
1976	.....Billings West 17	B-C	.....Cut Bank 73
1977	.....Billings Senior 23	2004 AA	.....Great Falls CMR 21
1978	AA.....Billings West 26	A	.....Havre 36
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 35	B/C	.....Cut Bank 80
1979	AA.....Billings West 21	2005 AA	.....Billings Senior 35
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 26	A	.....Havre 40
1980	AA.....Billings West 27	B-C	.....Cut Bank 47
	ABC.....Whitefish 25	2006 AA	.....Billings West/Bozeman (Tie First)
1981	AA.....Billings West 24	A	.....Corvallis 20
	ABC.....Whitefish 38	B-C	.....Cut Bank 45
1982	AA.....Billings West 33	2007 AA	.....Bozeman 28
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 25	A	.....Billings Central 32
1983	AA.....Billings West 27	B-C	.....Cut Bank 54
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 25	2008 AA	.....Bozeman 31
1984	AA.....Billings West 30	A	.....Whitefish 43
	ABC.....Whitefish 21	B-C	.....Cut Bank 67
1985	AA.....Billings Senior 24	2009 AA	.....Bozeman 20
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 29	A	.....Billings Central 31
1986	AA.....Billings West 23	B-C	.....Cut Bank 58
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 32	2010 AA	.....Missoula Hellgate 49
1987	AA.....Billings West 32	A	.....Corvallis 59
	ABC.....Dawson Co. 20	B-C	.....Bigfork 43
1988	AA.....Billings West 51	2011 AA	.....Missoula Hellgate 47
	ABC.....Whitefish 10	A	.....Corvallis 34
1989	AA.....Billings West 33	B-C	.....Valley Christian 44
	ABC.....Whitefish	2012 AA	.....Missoula Hellgate 52
1990	AA.....Bozeman 30	A	.....Corvallis 20
	A.....Whitefish 24	B-C	.....Conrad 42
	B-C.....Bigfork 41	2013 AA	.....Glacier (KalisPELL) 29
1991	AA.....Bozeman 17	A	.....Billings Central/Polson (Tie) 34
	A.....Dawson Co./Hamilton 16	B-C	.....Loyola Sacred Heart 46
	B-C.....Bigfork 34	2014 AA	.....Bozeman 24
1992	AA.....Bozeman 26	A	.....Billings Central 27
	A.....Stevensville 22	B-C	.....Loyola Sacred Heart 59
	B-C.....Valley Christian 37	2015 AA	.....Billings West 19
1993	AA.....Bozeman 29	A	.....Billings Central 34
	A.....Dawson Co. 27	B-C	.....Loyola Sacred Heart 71
	B-C.....Valley Christian 33	2016 AA	.....Bozeman 31
1994	AA.....Billings West 21	A	.....Billings Central 32
	A.....Dawson Co. 21	B-C	.....Libby 39
	B-C.....Bigfork 38	2017 AA	.....Bozeman 41
1995	AA.....Flathead 20	A	.....Billings Central 20
	A.....Dawson Co. 29	B-C	.....Libby 29
	B-C.....Bigfork 40	2018 AA	.....Billings Senior 23
1996	AA.....Flathead 32	A	.....Tie - Corvallis / Hardin / Whitefish 20
	A.....Stevensville 27	B-C	.....Great Falls Central 48
	B-C.....Bigfork 38	2019 AA	.....Missoula Sentinel 27
1997	AA.....Billings West	A	.....Beaverhead Co. (Dillon) 33
	A.....Custer County 35	B-C	.....Great Falls Central 44
	B-C.....Bigfork	2020 AA	.....No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)
1998	AA.....Great Falls CMR 45	A	.....No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)
	A.....Dawson Co. 23	B-C	.....No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)
	B-C.....Valley Christian 42	2021 AA	.....Glacier (KalisPELL) 25
1999	AA.....Great Falls CMR 30	A	.....Havre 23
	A.....Dawson Co. 29	B-C	.....Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula) 38
	B-C.....Valley Christian 42	2022 AA	.....Bozeman/Great Falls CMR (tie) 27
2000	AA.....Great Falls 28	A	.....Billings Central/Whitefish 18
	A.....Havre 28	B-C	.....Loyola Sacred Heart 45
	B-C.....Valley Christian 47	2023 AAGallatin 29
2001	AA.....Bozeman 35	APolson 34
	A.....Havre 39	B-CLoyola Sacred Heart 37

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1970	Billings Senior	24	B-C	Jefferson (Boulder)	7		
1971	Billings Senior	46	2003	AA	Bozeman 39		
1972	.....	Great Falls	20	A	.....	.....	Park 20	
1973	.....	Great Falls CMR	13	B-C	.....	.....	Boulder 35	
	.....	Great Falls	13	2004	AA	.....	Bozeman 34	
	.....	Missoula Sentinel	13	A	.....	.....	Whitefish 29	
1974	.....	Great Falls	27	B-C	.....	.....	Boulder 38	
1975	.....	Great Falls	20	2005	AA	.....	Bozeman 36	
1976	.....	Bozeman	15	A	.....	Beaverhead (Dillon)	22	
1977	.....	Bozeman	23	B-C	.....	.....	Fairfield 35	
1978	AA	.....	Great Falls 18	2006	AA	.....	Great Falls CMR 32	
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co. 20	A	.....	.....	Havre 26	
1979	AA	.....	Billings Senior 23	B-C	.....	.....	Fairfield 27	
	ABC	.....	Hamilton 28	2007	AA	.....	Billings Senior 30	
1980	AA	.....	Billings Senior 23	A	.....	.....	Park (Livingston) 37	
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co. 22	B-C	.....	.....	Broadwater (Townsend) 44	
		.....	Custer Co. 22	2008	AA	.....	Bozeman 26	
1981	AA	.....	Billings Senior 30	A	.....	.....	Polson 29	
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co. 22	B-C	.....	.....	Broadwater 37	
1982	AA	.....	Billings West 21	2009	AA	.....	Great Falls High 31	
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co. 18	A	.....	.....	Havre 29	
1983	AA	.....	Billings West 26	B-C	.....	.....	Broadwater County 34	
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co. 40	2010	AA	.....	.....	Glacier 32
1984	AA	.....	Billings West 23	A	.....	.....	Dawson Co. (Glendive)	32
	ABC	.....	Dawson Co. 34	B-C	.....	.....	Chinook	36
1985	AA	.....	Bozeman 23	2011	AA	.....	.....	Glacier 46
	ABC	.....	Custer Co. 27	A	.....	.....	Park (Livingston)	29
1986	AA	.....	Bozeman 24	B-C	.....	.....	Cut Bank	45
	ABC	.....	Bigfork 24	2012	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 30
1987	AA	.....	Billings West 24	A	.....	.....	.....	Polson 35
	ABC	.....	Bigfork 27	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Conrad 28
1988	AA	.....	Billings West 31	2013	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 42
	ABC	.....	Bigfork 26	A	.....	.....	.....	Corvallis 28
1989	AA	.....	Bozeman 27	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Fairfield 49
	ABC	.....	Fergus 46	2014	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 46
1990	AA	.....	Missoula Hellgate 31	A	.....	.....	.....	Corvallis 35
	A	.....	Custer Co. 23	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Chinook 35
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 33	2015	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 27
1991	AA	.....	Missoula Hellgate 24	A	.....	.....	.....	Park 38
	A	.....	Dawson Co. 19	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Chinook 52
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 41	2016	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 33
1992	AA	.....	Missoula Hellgate 29	A	.....	.....	.....	Whitefish 30
	A	.....	Custer Co. 18	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Chinook 56
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 48	2017	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 22
1993	AA	.....	Billings West 34	A	.....	Tie Billings Central/Dawson Co. (Glendive)	26	
	A	.....	Dawson Co. 29	B-C	.....	.....	Broadwater (Townsend)	26
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 46	2018	AA	.....	Tie – Billings Senior / Bozeman	22
1994	AA	.....	Billings West 32	A	.....	.....	.....	Polson 24
	A	.....	Dawson Co. 22	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Choteau 26
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 30	2019	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 30
1995	AA	.....	Billings West 31	A	.....	.....	.....	Whitefish 33
	A	Columbia Falls 26	B-C	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula)	44
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 31	2020	AA	.....	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)	
1996	AA	.....	Billings West 33	A	.....	.....	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)	
	A	.....	Dawson Co. 29	B-C	.....	.....	No Champion Awarded (COVID-19)	
	B-C	.....	Bigfork 24	2021	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 38
1997	AA	.....	Helena	A	.....	.....	.....	Polson 37
	A	Hardin 27	B-C	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula)	54
	B-C	.....	Bigfork	2022	AA	.....	.....	Bozeman 43
1998	AA	.....	Bozeman 28	A	.....	.....	.....	Billings Central 26
	A	Stevensville 20	B-C	Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula)	39
	B-C	.....	Superior 39	2023	AA	.....	.....	Missoula Hellgate 32
1999	AA	.....	Bozeman 33	A	.....	.....	.....	Custer County 25
	A	.....	Park (Livingston) 27	B-C	.....	.....	.....	Simms 35
	B-C	.....	Superior 38					
2000	AA	.....	Flathead (Kalispell) 27					
	A	.....	Park (Livingston) 41					
	B-C	.....	Conrad 52					
2001	AA	.....	Bozeman 30					
	A	.....	Park (Livingston) 33					
	B-C	.....	Jefferson (Boulder) 41					
2002	AA	.....	Billings West 32					
	A	.....	Havre 44					