

BOYS TENNIS



SUFFOLK COUNTY HANDBOOK

2023



Table Of Contents

Coordinators.....	1
Calendar.....	2-3
Section XI Guidelines.....	4-9
Coach Resources	9
NYSPHSAA Guidelines.....	10-11
Heat Policy.....	12
Wind Chill Policy.....	13
Thunder/Lightning Policy.....	14
Score Reporting.....	15
Coaches Directory.....	16-17
Number of Courts.....	18

Section XI Coordinator:
Mark Mensch

Division 1 Coordinator:
Steven Ferrantello

Division 2 Coordinator:
Mike Drozd

Division 3 Coordinator:
Erik Sussin

Division 4 Coordinator:
Matt Reed

Coaches Association:
President: Jimmy Delevante
Vice President: Joe Arias

Calendar

Important Dates

Mar 7th: Section Coaches Meeting

Mar 13th: Season Starts Day 1

Mar 20th: First Scrimmage/Match Day

Apr 5th: Passover (Sundown...3:30pm start times)

Apr 6th: Passover/Holy Thursday (No Contests)

Apr 7th: Good Friday (No Contests)

Apr 15th: ACT

Apr 22nd: Next Available Play Day in Effect Varsity

May 6th: SAT

May 9th: Last Play

May 10th: Division Seeding Meetings

May 29th: Memorial Day

Jun 3rd: SAT

Division Individual Tournaments @ Div 1: Smithtown West High School, Div 2: East Islip High School, Div 3: Mt. Sinai High School, Div 4: Floyd High School

May 12th: 1st & 2nd Round (TIME TBD)

May 13th: Quarterfinals & Semifinals (TIME TBD)

May 15th: Finals, 3rd Place, 5-8th Doubles (TIME TBD)

Section XI Individual County Tournament @ Smithtown East High School

May 19th: 1st & 2nd Rd singles & 1st Rd Doubles (10am)

May 20th: Quarters & Semis (9am)

May 22nd: Finals & 3rd Place (2pm)

NYSPHSAA Individual Championships @ USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing

Jun 2nd: 1st & 2nd Rd (8am)

Jun 3rd: Quarterfinals & Semifinals (8am)

Jun 4th: Finals (8am)

Section XI Team County Tournament

May 11th: Large School Rd of 32

Small School Quarterfinals @ Higher Seed

May 16th: Large School Rd of 16

Small School Semifinals @ Higher Seed

May 18th: Large School Quarterfinals @ Higher Seed

Small School Championship @ Casamento Park, Bay Shore

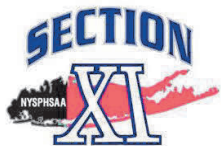
May 23rd: Large School Semifinals @ Higher Seed

Small School Long Island Championship @ NASSAU, SITE TBD

May 25th: Large School Championship @ Casamento Park, Bay Shore

May 27th: Large School Long Island Championship @ NASSAU, SITE TBD

**Jun 9th: Large & Small School NYSPHSAA Championships (Semis & Finals) @ USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing
(Semis Div 2: 9am/Div 1: 11am, Finals Div 2: 2:30pm/D1: 4:30pm)**



SECTION XI HANDBOOK BOYS TENNIS

USTA rules

<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2022-pdfs/2022%20Friend%20at%20Court.pdf>

Participation Regulations:

- 1. The maximum number of allowable contests in Section XI is 16.**
- 2. Participation in a two-day invitational tournament shall count as one of the allowable contests, and only three such tournaments shall be permitted.**
- 3. In invitational tournaments, individuals may not participate in more than three matches per day. If three matches are played, a modified scoring system of a 10-game pro set will be used with a 12-point tie breaker at 9-all. (revised 8/24/05)**
- 4. Two matches may be played on one day provided one of the following modified scoring systems is used: best 2 of 3 sets using no ad scoring with a 12-point tie breaker at 6-all, or 10 game pro-set using regular scoring with a 12-point tie breaker at 9-all. (revised 5/22/03)**

League Play

- 1. Schedules: All schools must play matches on dates scheduled by Section XI. For varsity postponements, the next available date policy must be followed.**
- 2. Match Time: Matches will start by 4:00 PM or earlier and no later than 20 minutes after the visiting team arrives (10-minute warm-up included in 20 minutes). Schools with only four courts should try to start matches as early as possible. (revised 8/24/05)**
- 3. Match Play: Matches consist of four singles contests and three doubles contests. Each contest scores 1 point, and the team winning 4 points wins the match. Individuals may compete in only one contest per match.**

Matches will be 2 out of 3, 6-game sets, using no ad scoring. Sets tied at 6-all will use a 12-point tiebreaker. The USTA format of no break while switching sides after the first game will be in effect. There will be a 90-second break during all

other changeovers and at the completion of the first set. In a 3-set match, there is a 10-minute break if requested by either player. (revised 8/24/05)

One can of balls (recommended USTA yellow) must be provided by the home school per match.

Coaches must agree prior to starting the match to use the following:

- a. Tie breaker in lieu of a third set**
- b. Ten-game pro-set instead of 2 out of 3 sets; tie breaker at 10-all.**

4. Line-ups: Coaches must exchange line-ups and match books, showing previous match line-ups for inspection. Line-ups must be in order of strength for both singles and doubles. It is not required to break up a doubles team to fill a singles spot. Any player noticeably injured before the match begins must be substituted. Only the last position in either singles or doubles may be defaulted.

Changes in line-ups may be made provided there is an intervening practice between matches and the supporting challenge matches have been played and documented. Documentation should use the Singles Challenge Matches format listing the match, date, players' names and scores in either the Singles Challenge Match score sheet provided at the Section XI coaches meeting or Coaches record book. Proper match-ups of play is the responsibility of the home team. Once one point has been played, any error results in default against the home team. (Rev 9/16)

5. Challenge Matches: Challenge matches will allow for changing the rank order of play for both singles and doubles. Challenge matches during the season will consist of 2 out of 3, 6-game sets. Players may challenge one or two positions ahead on the ladder. The loser forces the ladder down. Challenge matches may not be conducted on the same day as a match. (Rev 8/12)

6. Rules of Play: USTA rules apply for play. Play must be continuous throughout the match. Practice serves must be taken during the 10-minute warm-up prior to the start of the match. All points played in good faith stand. In case of a dispute, a player may request a lines-person. (revised 8/24/05)

7. Dress Code: All team members must be uniformly dressed in a team shirt, and solid colored shorts or skirts. They may be either white or school colors. Jams, cutoffs, jeans, and large designs are not permitted. Any failure to comply will result in competitor(s) being excluded from participation. (revised 8/24/05)

8. Coaches: Coaches may speak to the players only during the 90-second odd-game change-over. Coaches must remain outside the courts during play and only enter if an emergency arises. Players are entitled to a 10-minute rest period between the second and third sets.

9. Injury: Should a player become injured or have an unavoidable accident, one five-minute treatment will be allowed. If unable to continue play, a default will be declared.

10. Spectator Control: Spectator control is the responsibility of the home team. Any player distracted by spectators should report the incident to the home coach. Sportsmanship should be emphasized by players, coaches, and spectators at all times.

11. Cessation of Play: Either coach has the discretion to stop a contest after play has begun due to darkness or inclement weather. The contest will continue on the next available date at the same site, with the same players, same court, same side, same score. New balls may be used. No substitution of players is allowed.

12. Reporting: The winning coach must report the score of the match to the media, and both coaches must submit a rating card to Section XI.

13. Mandatory crossover matches count towards the minimum 4 Division matches that must be played at doubles to qualify for the Doubles Division Tournament. (approved 10/16)

Division Individual Tournament

All rules for league play apply with the following exceptions:

1. Entries: Each school shall be entitled to one entry in singles and one entry in doubles in this single elimination tournament. The rest of the draw may be filled with up to 32 qualified entries, as determined by the coaches at the seeding meeting.

2. Eligibility: Participants must have represented their schools in at least six contests during the season in order to be eligible. (Any exception must have approval of the Section XI Executive Director.)

3. Boys and Girls Doubles Divisional qualification:

Girls and Boys seasons: Minimum 4 division matches must be played AT DOUBLES to qualify for the doubles division tournament. (Approved 10/16).

4. Commitment: A player must make a commitment to complete any tournament entered. Any default will result in exclusion from the division tournament and Section XI Tournament. Any exception must have the approval of the sport chairman.

5. Tournament Director Duties: The tournament director shall be the division chairman or designee. Duties include the coordination, administration, seeding of the tournament, and designating an appeals panel at each tournament site. A

sportsmanship statement should be read to all participants prior to the first match of the tournament.

6. Seeding:

a. The division chairperson shall conduct the seeding meeting. All coaches are invited to participate and all schools must be represented. Comparative records will be used to determine the draw. Comparative record means: - Head to Head Matches

- Like Opponents (wins/losses)**
- Like Opponents (based on sets then score)**
- Total record of wins and losses**
- USTA Information**

Second singles players shall not be seeded unless they have had direct confrontation with first singles players during the season.

b. A draw of up to 32 players/teams may be established.

7. Play: Starting times and sites will be announced by the division chairman. (revised 8/24/05)

8. Tennis Balls: Schools are to provide two cans of USTA approved tennis balls per entry.

9. Forfeiture: Failure to arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time will result in penalties being assessed before forfeiture is declared. Any exception will be determined by the appeals panel.

10. Coaches' Responsibility: Coaches, or school-designated alternates, must be present during play and responsible for the conduct of their players.

11. Matches in the individual tournament will be 2 out of 3 sets, no ad scoring, and 12-point tiebreaker at 6-all. A new can of balls can be requested by either player for the 3rd set. (revised 8/24/05)

12. Advancement: The 8 singles quarter finalists will advance as well as the top 6 doubles teams. A playoff between the semifinal loser and quarterfinal losers to determine 3rd-8th place for singles and 3rd-6th place for doubles shall be held to assist in seeding the Section XI Tournament. (revised 11/22)

Section XI Individual Tournament

All rules for league play and division tournament play apply with the following exceptions:

1. The draw shall be 32 singles and 24 doubles. Each division shall send eight singles and 6 doubles teams. (Revised 11/12)
2. The sport chairman shall coordinate, administer, and seed the tournament with the assistance of the division chairmen.
3. The sport chairman or designee shall serve as tournament director and shall designate an appeals panel at the tournament site.
4. The tournament shall be conducted in two days: First two rounds on the first day, no ad scoring; semis and finals on the second day, regular scoring. A 12-point tiebreaker shall be used throughout. New balls may be requested for the third set.
5. The top three singles and doubles will represent Section XI at the NYSPHSAA tournament. A playoff between the semi-final losers will determine the third representative.

NYSPHSAA Individual Tournaments

1. The top three singles and doubles from the Section XI Individual Tournament will represent Section XI at the NYSPHSAA tournament.
2. All NYSPHSAA, Section XI, and USTA rules and regulations must be followed.
3. All entries must commit to complete the tournament and will not be excused or granted a late start in order to take achievement tests.

LI Team Championships

Large School format will be 3 singles and 4 doubles.

Small School format will be 3 singles and 2 doubles.

In regards to a team's lineup:

Singles and Doubles are to be considered separate from each other but MUST be in strength order.

Both team's singles lineups are to be in strength order with the two best 1st and 2nd singles players frozen into those positions.

Both teams 3rd/4th singles players can move into any doubles position provided the doubles teams are in strength order.

Both team's doubles lineups are to be in strength order.

In doubles: The "coman" tiebreak will be used when Nassau hosts, while the "traditional" tiebreak will be used when Suffolk hosts.

Going into each counties respective championship match, all four coaches should be prepared to submit their LI Championship lineup to their respective tennis coordinator in the event they win and will be the representative in the LI Championship.

These lineups are to be exchanged (given to the Coordinator) prior to the championship.

In the event that a player in the lineup is unable to play (singles or doubles), the coach may decide to move their lineup up or forfeit that court, but must maintain strength order (singles or doubles).

The Nassau County Sportsmanship warning system would be used: Both teams/all players addressed and issued their first warning prior to the match. 2nd warning would constitute the loss of a point. The third infraction would result in the default of the court.

During the address to the players, both coaches will address the spectators on the expected etiquette of tennis.

Coach Resources

Section XI:

<http://www.sectionxi.org/v3/sports/landing.asp?s=GTEN&sn=Girls%20Tennis>

Suffolk County Tennis Coaches Association:

<https://suffolktenniscoaches.org/coaches.html>

USTA:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/coach-organize/organization-facilities/tennis-in-schools/national/middle-and-high-school-team-tennis.html>

NFHS:

<https://nfhs.org/activities-sports/tennis/>



https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2022/2/15/NYSPHSAA_Handbook_002.pdf

NYSPHSAA Tennis Guidelines

20.01 Rules: USTA (United State Tennis Association- Friend at Court)

20.02 Maximum Number of contests: 16

20.03 Practice Requirements: Number of practices to represent school: 6 (individual)

20.04 Nights rest between contests: 1 night

20.05 Individual Contests limitation per day: 2 matches (Modified scoring must be used). For tournament play reference 20.08.2, 20.08.3 and 20.08.4.

20.06 Scrimmage limitations per day: 1 scrimmage

20.07 Waivers of USTA Friend at Court Tennis Rules: None.

20.08 NYSPHSAA Tennis Rules:

1. A player may compete in either a singles or doubles competition on the same day. Only two (2) matches are allowed per day and both matches must use a modified scoring system that conforms to one of the following formats: a. best 2 of 3 sets; b. using no-ad scoring, with a 12-point tie breaker at 6-all; c. ten-game pro-set, using regular scoring with a 12-point tie breaker at 9-all. (May 2011)

2. In tournament play, the maximum number of matches shall be three in one day.

3. Participation in a two-day invitational tennis tournament shall count as one of the 16 contests permitted and only three (3) such tournaments shall be allowed within the 16- contest limitation.

4. In league and sectional competition, sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four (4) in one day using modified scoring with rest periods being 30- minutes for the quarter final and below, 45-minutes for the semi-finals and 60-minutes for the finals. (May 2010)

5. The Commitment to Compete form must be completed to be eligible to compete in the NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament (Boys-May 2003; Girls-May 2006). Failure to honor your commitment to complete the tournament for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility

from next year's NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament. This incident will also be reported to the student's school administration. (May 2011)

6. At the NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament coaching on the court is permitted, however cheering remains prohibited.

7. No practice shall be permitted at the Girls tournament venue on any day of the State Tournament competition. (July 2019)

8. All high school tennis players shall claim their profile in the UTR (Universe Tennis Rating) system prior to the season. Schools must submit match results in a timely manner. Athletes with unclaimed profiles or incomplete match results at the end of the regular season will be ineligible for postseason competition. (Oct. 2021)

20.09 Tennis Scrimmage Rules:

1. A tennis scrimmage must alter format, so it does not follow the regular competition format for league/sectional play.

Suggested formats include, but are not limited to:

2. Teams use tie breaks only.

3. Five (5) game pro-set– first (1st) one to three (3) points.

4. Modified eight (8) game pro-set – first (1st) players to three (3) points completes the scrimmage.

JEWELRY RULE:

NYSPHSAA will abide by the national governing body jewelry rule (i.e., NFHS, NCAA, USA Softball, USTA, USAG, etc.) followed by NYSPHSAA. (July 2022)

Hair adornments, including beads, may be worn provided they are secured and do not present a safety hazard to the player, teammates, or opponent(s). (May 2022)

Heat Index Policy



HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

Administration of Heat Index Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Heat index) or THI using a Wet Bulb indicator on the field will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 80 degrees (Fahrenheit) or higher.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com. Schools may also use a Wet Bulb indicator on the field that will be used.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line or determine the THI by using a Wet Bulb indicator.
- If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or the Wet Bulb Indicator is 90 degrees or above, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like temperature (heat index) or Wet Bulb indicator is 96 degrees (Fahrenheit) or more, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp(Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator under 79 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Heat Index Caution: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 80 degrees to 85 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session.
	Heat Index Watch: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 86 degrees to 90 degrees	Provide ample water and multiple water breaks. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time).
	Heat Index Warning: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb Indicator 91 degrees to 95 degrees	Provide ample water and water breaks every 15 minutes. Monitor athletes for heat illness. Consider postponing practice to a time when Feels Like temp is much lower. Consider reducing the amount of time for the practice session. 1 hour of recovery time for every hour of practice (ex. 2hr practice = 2hr recovery time). Light weight and loose fitting clothes should be worn. For Practices only Football Helmets should be worn. No other protective equipment should be worn.
REQUIRED	Heat Index Alert: Feels Like Temp (Heat Index) or Wet Bulb indicator 96 degrees or greater	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held. Inside activity should only be held if air conditioned.

Approved May 1, 2010
Updated July 27, 2016

Wind Chill Policy



WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

Administration of Wind Chill Procedures:

- Feels Like Temperature (Wind Chill) will be checked 1 hour before the contest/practice by a certified athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee when the air temperature is 39 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower.
- Download WeatherBug app to your phone or log into www.weatherbug.com.
- Enter zip code or city and state in the location section of the app or on-line.
- If the Feels Like temperature (wind chill) is 10 degrees or below, the athletic trainer, athletic director, or school designee must re-check the Feels Like (wind chill) at halftime or midway point of the contest. If the Feels Like (wind chill) temperature is -11 degrees (Fahrenheit) or lower, the contest will be suspended.

Please refer to the following chart to take the appropriate actions:

	Feels Like Temp (wind chill) above 40 degrees	Full activity. No restrictions
R E C O M M E N D E D	Wind Chill Caution: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 39 degrees to 20 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing.
	Wind Chill Watch: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 19 degrees to 10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss.
	Wind Chill Warning: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) 9 degrees to -10 degrees	Stay adequately hydrated. Notify coaches of the threat of cold related illnesses. Have students and coaches dress in layers of clothing. Cover the head and neck to prevent heat loss. Consider postponing practice to a time when the Feels Like temp is much higher. Consider reducing the amount of time for an outdoor practice session.
REQUIRED	Wind Chill Alert: Feels Like Temp (wind chill) -11 degrees or lower	No outside activity, practice or contest, should be held.

Special Note: Alpine Skiing will be exempt from this policy and will follow the regulations of the host ski center where the practice or event is being held.

Approved May 1, 2010
Updated July 27, 2016

Thunder/Lightning Policy

Whenever weather or other conditions cause the official/coaches to interrupt a contest, the official/coaches shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions (as they affect safety and playing conditions). The official/coaches shall wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of the interruption before considering the cessation of play.

When thunder is identified at the site of an outdoor contest, the official/coaches will suspend play immediately and wait a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of the interruption before considering the cessation of play. The official/coaches will then make a decision whether to cease play for that day or resume the contest.

If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official/coaches 15 or fewer minutes prior to the scheduled start of that contest, the official/coaches and the responsible school authorities shall not permit that contest to be played on that date.

If lightning is observed at the site of an outdoor contest by the official(s)/coaches during the playing of the contest, the official/coaches shall immediately cease play for the day.

Thunder and lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning.

When thunder is heard and/or lightning is seen, the following procedure should be adhered to:

After thunder and/or lightning have left the area, wait 30 minutes after the last boom is heard or strike is seen before resuming play or competition.

Score Reporting

UTR:

Mandatory by NYSPHSAA

<https://www.universaltennis.com/high-school>

Universal Tennis Information and Instructions

A joint proposal for boys and girls tennis was approved which states that all NYSPHSAA tennis players are required to claim their profile in the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system prior to the season. Coaches/schools are also required to submit their match results to UTR in a timely manner. This provides NYSPHSAA and member sections a comprehensive system to properly seed its tournaments.

All tennis schools are REQUIRED to do the following prior to the season:

Step 1 – [Click this link to activate your team page](#). All NYSPHSAA teams are available to be claimed on Universal Tennis for FREE.

Step 2 – Once your school is activated, please enter your current rosters into UTR. Enter all freshman, junior varsity, and varsity players.

If a player is not registered on Universal Tennis, they need to create their free player profile. There is a QR code (see below) that makes it simple and easy to get your players registered on UTR. Have them scan the QR code at the beginning of practice to create their free UTR profile, or just have them go to <https://app.universaltennis.com/join> to register. Players can also be invited to the team roster via email.

There are full details in the NYSPHSAA Coaches + Universal Tennis Packet.

Universal Tennis Support

If you need further assistance with your Universal Tennis team page, web site platform functions and more, contact Universal Tennis' Head of High School, Jonathan Hicks. Email: jonathan@universaltennis.com . Use the links below as resources for setting you team up on Universal Tennis:

- [NYSPHSAA Coaches + Universal Tennis Packet](#)
- [QR Code for High School Players: How to register as a player.](#)

Newsday:

<https://sportscentral.newsday.com/login?redirect=/>

Winning coach to submit scores for match highlights...not mandatory!

Long Island Tennis Magazine:

<http://longislandtennismagazine.com/hssubmit>

Winning coach can add scores to be featured on the website's daily recap...not mandatory!

Section XI:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIV0x-jTA39r82sEmD49-7oAb4YT_VtssAFghWN2KcdrerwSw/viewform

Winning coach to upload scores

<http://www.sectionxi.org/private/>

Coach to input ratings for sportsmanship

Number of Courts per High School

Babylon	7	Longwood	6
Bay Shore	5	Mattituck	4
Bayport Blue Point	8	Middle Country (@ Centereach)	7
Bellport	5	Miller Place	8
Brentwood	8	Mt. Sinai	10
Center Moriches	6	North Babylon	7
Central Islip	6	Northport	6
Commack	5	Patchogue Medford	7
Comsewogue	6	Port Jefferson	4
Connetquot	7	Riverhead	6
Deer Park	6	Rocky Point	4
East Hampton	8	Ross	6
East Islip	6	Sachem (@ East)	7
Eastport South Manor	8	Sayville	7
Elwood John Glenn	7	Shoreham Wading River	9
Elwood John Glenn	8	Smithtown East	12
Half Hollow Hills East	8	Smithtown West	12
Half Hollow Hills West	8	Southampton	7
Hampton Bays	8	Southold	4
Harborfields	6	Walt Whitman	4
Hauppauge	7	Ward Melville	8
Huntington	6	West Babylon	4
Islip	7	West Hampton	8
Kings Park	4	West Islip	6
Lindenhurst	4	William Floyd	10