

Tennis

Disclaimer

The below are guidelines for ISST tournament directors to follow. ISST reserves the right to change any aspect of the below guidelines in consultation with the membership. Reasons (but limited to) are generally for student safety and/or limitations to facilities and logistics.

4.9 TENNIS: Boys and Girls

Rules of Lawn Tennis, The International Tennis Federation www.itftennis.com

The maximum number of players (including Managers) will be twelve (12), with a maximum of eight (6) boys and eight (6) girls.

Make up of Players

Each school is expected to bring the following:

- 1st and 2nd string boys and girls singles players.
- 1st string boys and girls doubles players.
- 1st and 2nd string mixed doubles players.

Format

For the year 2019/20 D1 will have eight (8) teams and D2 will have five (five) teams. Both divisions will have the full complement of boys' and girls' singles, doubles and mixed doubles teams.

Promotion/Relegation will be 1 up and 1 down.

For the year 2019/20 draws have been made and a format chosen. The respective hosts will report back as to the success of each format.

(All in bold and italics are from previous tournaments-it may be that we revert to this after the reports from the 2019/20 hosts)

The competition format for Divisions 1 Division 2:

Singles, doubles and mixed doubles teams are organized into four respective Flights (A-D) of three individuals/teams. Individuals/teams play a round robin schedule on Day 1 with the top two in each Flight advancing to a championship bracket and the bottom individual/team moving into a round robin consolation bracket.

On Day 2, there will be the crossover championship bracket quarterfinals with the winners advancing to the semifinals and the medal matches and the losers going into the 5th-8th place bracket. The crossovers shall match the Flight A winner vs. the Flight D runner-up, the Flight D winner vs. the Flight A runner-up, the Flight B winner vs. the Flight C runner-up and the Flight C winner vs. the Flight B runner-up. The round robin consolation bracket order of play shall be:

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| <i>1st Round: Flight A vs. Flight B</i> | <i>Flight C vs. Flight D</i> |
| <i>2nd Round: Flight A vs. Flight C</i> | <i>Flight B vs. Flight D</i> |
| <i>3rd Round: Flight A vs. Flight D</i> | <i>Flight B vs. Flight C</i> |

The championship bracket semifinals and the semifinals of the 5-8 place bracket shall complete Day 2. The championship bracket winners will advance to the finals and the losers go into the playoff for third/fourth place. The 5th-8th. place bracket winners will advance to play for positions five/six and the losers will play for positions seven/eight. Two rounds will be played in the round robin consolation bracket.

On Day 3, there will be the final playoffs for positions one through eight and the final round of the consolation bracket to determine positions 9 through 12.

All matches except per below shall be played as nine-game pro sets with a tie break at 8-8.

The championship bracket semifinals, finals and third/fourth place matches will be played as the best-of-three sets. If necessary, a tie-break will be played at 6-6 in each of the three (3) sets.

There will be no seeding from the previous year's tournament and the draw will be done by the ISST secretary at the beginning of the school year.

All separate matches will be played with new balls. A minimum total of 6 courts are necessary at one or two sites.

No Flight shall include more than two number one individuals/teams nor two individuals/teams from the same school.

Below is a sample template for boys singles :

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
A – PNK 2	F – BLK 2	P – RED 2	X – RED 1
B – BLU 2	G – YEL 1	Q – PNK 1	Y – BLK 1
C – GRN 1	H – GRN 2	R – BLU 1	Z – YEL 2

Flight Tie Breaker

Should all individuals/teams finish at 1-1 in Flight competition, then the differential between games won/lost shall break the tie.

If a tie still exists, then:

- a) Total games won
- b) Total games lost
- c) Individuals/teams will play seven-point tie-break games in the same order as the regular matches
- d) There shall be a five-minute warm-up period prior to each match
- e) If the seven-point round robin finishes with all three individuals/teams at 1-1, the individuals/teams shall be ranked

by the differential between points won and points lost

If a tie still exists then :

- f) All three names will be placed in a hat. One name will be drawn and that individual/team will be placed in the 9-12 consolation bracket, and the other two will advance to the championship bracket. The individual/team winning the head-to-head will be ranked number one.
- g) First serve shall be determined by a racket spin

9-12 Place Round Robin Tie Breaker:

When there are ties between three or more teams. the following steps will be used to determine rankings.

ANY tie between two teams is determined by the head to head result.

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If a tie still exists, then:

- a) Total games won between the tied teams only.
- b) Total games lost between the tied teams only.

If a tie still exists, then:

Teams/individual will share the placing.

Scoring

Points for the Boys and Girls team standings shall be determined on the basis of 1 point for a first place finish, two points for a second place, three for a third and down to 12 for 12th place. These points are then added together for the respective team scores with the **lowest** score winning as in cross country. A combination of the Boys and Girls team totals shall determine the Combined winner.

If a player forfeits or defaults a match, all subsequent matches involving that player are also forfeited.

If two or more teams are tied for the final standing then the following applies;

- a) Differential between games won/lost between tied teams only
- b) Total Games won between tied teams only
- c) Total Games lost between tied teams only

If a tie still exists, then:

- a) Differential between games won/lost between ALL teams
- b) Total Games won between ALL teams
- c) Total Games lost between ALL teams

Awards

First, second and third place permanent trophies will be awarded to the relevant boys and girls teams. An overall combined team first place permanent trophy will be awarded each year to the school obtaining the best combined scores from both gender teams. Medals will be awarded to the top three combined scores from both gender teams. Appropriate medals will be awarded to the players of the first 3 places in each discipline (i.e. Boys/Girls - Singles/Doubles/Mixed Doubles). Participation patches will be given to all players involved in the Championships.