

## Welcome to the West Central District 4A boys' tennis syllabus for 2024.

**DATES AND SCHEDULE:** The boys' tournament will be held November 1 & 2, 2024. Check in is at 7am on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Boeing Employees Tennis Club. Matches will begin at 7:30am. All tournament times are posted on the draws, but are subject to change so you need to constantly check in.

**LOCATION:** All matches will be played at the Boeing Employees Tennis Club 6727 S. 199<sup>th</sup> Pl, Kent, WA, 98032.

**WEBSITE:** [www.betconline.net](http://www.betconline.net) .

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Kay Lorrain 253-653-0743 Email: [tklorrain@aol.com](mailto:tklorrain@aol.com) . An appeals committee made up of one coach from each division will be determined prior to the tournament.

**ADMISSION:** No charge for admission. Each entry will be assessed a fee of \$25 by the WCD. Additionally, each entry must bring two cans of tennis balls.

**Spectator Code:** "Tennis is more fun when players are good sports, and when persons associated with the players and the sport reinforce the ideals of good sport conduct." Spectators should cheer/clap on positive points, not mistakes.

--"Coaching is considered to be communication, advice, or instruction of any kind and by any means to a player." Coaching is only allowed at 90 second changeovers and at the end of a set and only by one certified coach at a time.

--Spectators/teammates/friends/coaches may say "Nice shot", "Well played" or terms that are not specific in nature as a form of cheering. They may not say, "Move your feet", "Just get your first serve in", "Way to go to the net" or specific comments that can be interpreted as telling a player what to do (or what not to do).

--"Officials should be receptive to the fact that people communicate in a variety of languages...and remind them that such conversations may be construed as coaching."

--"Spectators never make calls. A player must not enlist the aid of a spectator in making a call (or help with scoring). No spectator has a part in the match."

**Player Code:** "Courtesy is expected. Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy." Players make their own calls on their side of the net but this requires, "Giving others the benefit of the doubt" when you are not 100% sure on a call. When returning a ball to a server, the player should do so with grace, not whack the ball at them or hit it opposite of where the player is.

**Note:** All quoted words are from the USTA rulebook, Friend at Court.

### RULES OF PLAY:

1. All participants in a specific match must report to the site official before his/her/their match for court assignment and balls. At the conclusion of the match winners and losers if not eliminated must report back to the desk.
2. Rules of Tennis and Cases and Decisions and The Code, both sanctioned by the USTA will govern play.
3. The W.I.A.A. supersedes the USTA rulebook on coaching. Each participating school may have 2, school approved, designated coaches on site. Only **one** designated coach at a time may be on court coaching for 90 seconds at any change over and for 2 minutes between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sets. Players must stay on court during changeovers. If the players split sets and a 10-point tiebreaker is played, coaching is allowed for 3 minutes between the 2<sup>nd</sup> set and the tiebreaker. Coaches may not remain on the court during play. If the match plays a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, then a 10 minute break is allowed and players may leave the court. Coaches, parents or other players may not stand behind the court curtains during play. Coaches are requested to set and run a timer during coaching changeovers so not to exceed 90 seconds including rest,& water.
4. Five-minute warm-up includes serves.
5. New balls will be issued in the third set for winner's bracket semifinals and the championship matches.
6. Make all calls on your side of the net only. Make them quickly, loudly, honestly, and accompany them with a hand signal.
7. The point penalty system will be in effect. The first infraction will result in the loss of a point. The second infraction will result in loss of a game. The third will result in a default of the offender. A default will result in the application of W.I.A.A. handbook rule 18.24.2. The defaulted player will be ineligible for his/her next contest.
8. Appropriate tennis attire is expected of all participants as approved by the W.I.A.A. and individual schools.
9. The 10-point tiebreaker will be used for the third set in rounds 1, 2, and all consolation matches. The third set will be played out in the semifinals and finals of the main draw.
10. Individual awards for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place are pins and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are ribbons. 1<sup>st</sup> place team with the most points will get a plaque

**TEAM SCORING (top 6 go to state):**

1<sup>st</sup> place—10 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place—9 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place—8 points

4<sup>th</sup> place—7 points

5<sup>th</sup> place—6 points

6<sup>th</sup> place—5 points

7<sup>th</sup> place—4 points

8<sup>th</sup> place—3 points

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> places—2 points