**2024 West Central District III 1A Boys Tennis Tournament Syllabus**

**Dates**

Thursday, October 31 | 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 1 | 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location**University of Puget Sound

Field House Tennis Pavilion

9 North Road N.

Tacoma, WA 98406

**Coaches Meeting**Thursday, October 31 | 7:45 a.m.

**Tournament Director**

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**Facility Rules**

* No buses. Please travel in cars or vans.
* Doors open at 7:30 a.m.
* Please pick up trash after each day.

**Tournament Details**

The two-day District Tournament serves as the selection event for the District’s selections for the WIAA State Championships and to determine the District’s individual and team champions. The District Tournament will be a 16 position, double elimination compass bracket which will determine all 8 district places in both singles and doubles. Each place winner from 1 to 8 will receive an award recognizing their placement finish in the tournament.

The final allocations out of the District Tournament to the State Tournament will be determined in the spring. The WIAA State Championships are at the Yakima Tennis Club on May 23-24, 2025 for singles and doubles.

**Court Assignments**Players will be assigned to courts as available following the listed order of play. All players must be available to play at all times but start times of individual matches may be modified by the Tournament Director for good reason. The tournament will be played on six indoor courts. The first round will be singles followed by doubles. Warm-ups will take place before matches start.

**Tennis Balls**

The tournament will provide three Penn Championship Tennis Balls for each match.

**Match Scoring**Scoring will be the best two of three with full third set for quarter, semi, and placement matches. Scoring will be the best two of three with a third set to ten points for the losers bracket. We will play out deuces.

**Rules of Play**

1. All participants in a specific match must report to the Tournament Director before their match for their court assignment and balls. At the conclusion of each the match, winners must promptly report the match scores back to the Tournament Director. Only players should report their match results.

2. Rules of Tennis and Cases and Decisions and The Code (Friends of the Court), sanctioned by the USTA will govern play.

* Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded. After the second set, either player is entitled to rest which shall not exceed ten minutes.
* The foot fault rule is to be observed. In the event of an infraction of the rule, players may contact the USTA official or Tournament Director and request a foot fault judge.
* A participant may compete in no more than two matches per day.

3. The WIAA rules supersedes the USTA rulebook on coaching in that it allows a two-minute break between the first and second set for the coach to speak with his/her player(s). Do not leave the court. Only the coach or coach designee may talk to the player(s). If there is a third set, then a ten-minute break is allowed. Players may leave the court at that time.

4. There will be a ten-minute warm-up, serves included. This will be closely monitored.

5. No player cell phones or smartwatches may be powered on during match play. Phones must be kept in your bag and out of sight during the entire match.

6. Make all calls on your side of the net only. Make them quickly, loudly, honestly, and accompany them with a hand signal. A USTA official will be onsite and available as requested by a player or coach. If you are requested by your opponent to help with a call, you are to respond honestly.

7. The point penalty system will be in effect after a player has been given a warning.

1st Violation = Code of conduct warning

2nd Violation = Loss of a point

3rd Violation = Loss of a game

4th Violation = Loss of a match

A default will result in the application of WIAA handbook rule 18:24.2. The defaulted player will be ineligible for his contest.

8. Appropriate tennis specific attire is required of all participants as approved by the WIAA and individual schools. Athletes are to wear their school uniform to be permitted to play.

9. USTA rules determine the rest periods between matches, which is one hour.

**Medical Time Outs**

Medical time outs are three minutes once supplies have been located and brought to the player. You may have one medical timeout per injury, per match, but you can be treated during changeovers. If a trainer is available, then he/she gets two minutes to evaluate and three minutes to treat the injury. If a trainer is not available, then a coach or parent may treat the player under the same guidelines. If blood is involved, then the time out can be up to 15 minutes to treat and clean the area. Physical conditioning is not considered a medical time out.

**Change of Ends**

The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third, and every subsequent odd game of each set. The players shall also change ends at the end of each set unless the total number of games in that set is even, in which case the players change ends at the end of the first game of the next set. During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after every six points. There is no rest period at the change of ends after the first game of a set as per USTA rules.

**Coaching**

While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults, or other players; only the recognized school coach (one person only)is allowed to coach players on the court. Coaching is permissible during the break between the first and second sets (two minutes maximum), the second and third sets (ten minutes maximum), and any official suspension of play.

**Appeals Committee**   
An appeals committee will be selected at the Coaches Meeting on the day of the tournament. One coach from each school, other than the schools involved in the appeal, and the Tournament Director will make up the committee who will decide the issues at hand.

**Team Scoring**

The winning team will be selected by tallying singles and doubles points.

1st Place = 14 points

2nd Place = 12 points

3rd Place = 10 points

4th Place = 8 points

5th place = 6 points

6th place = 4 points

7th place = 2 points

8th place = 1 point

**Athletic Trainer**

There will not be an Athletic Trainer on site. If schools would like to bring their own Athletic Trainer, they have the option to do so.

**Concessions**   
There will not be concessions on site.