

DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES – 2026



SCHEDULE/ENTRIES

1. Specific information will come from the district chair/tournament host.
2. Teams shall submit their official entries via the [District Individual Tournament Entry Form](#) no later than **12:00PM Tuesday (April 28, 2026)** the week of the district tournament.
3. Teams failing to submit their entries by the deadline shall be subject to a fine.
4. Singles/doubles entries per school shall be determined by each district but shall not exceed four (4).
5. Players may only enter singles or doubles competition, not both
6. Entries shall not be changed after rosters are released; however, teams may replace a player who is forced to withdraw after the submission deadline. All players must be listed on the team line-up submitted Week #42 and replacement players may not shift from singles to doubles or doubles to singles to fill a withdrawing player's spot.

EVENT PLANNING

1. The district tournament is to be held in week #44, **April 27 – May 2, 2026**.
2. The district tournament does not count against the NMAA event limit.
3. In combined districts, the district chairs should work together to establish the host site.
4. Format for the district tournament should be consistent with the state tournament – single elimination, semifinal losers play for 3rd place, no 5th place match, etc.
5. Seeding procedures should be consistent with those used for the state tournament. Top six (6) entries seeded with the following criteria considered – head-to-head, common opponent, returning state place, overall record. Remaining entries are drawn randomly.
6. Match scoring is best two-of-three tie-breaker sets, with ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreaker at 6-all in each set.
7. Top three (3) placing singles/doubles entries automatically qualify to the state tournament.
8. Singles/Doubles entries must complete their semifinals matches to be eligible for the 3rd place match.
9. It is the discretion of the district to charge admission; if admission is charged; max price is set at \$12.
10. Districts may consider hiring a registered USTA Official to oversee playing rules.

REPORTING DEADLINES

1. [District Placement Form](#) – To be submitted by the **district chair** or designee by **8:00PM, Saturday, May 2, 2026**.
2. [Coach Input Form](#) – To be submitted by **coaches** by **8:00AM, Sunday, May 3, 2026**.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

1. State singles and doubles seeding will be conducted by a committee comprised of district team champion head coaches.
2. District coaches should meet prior to or after the district tournament to review their entries' matches and records against competition from other districts.
3. District team champion head coaches should be prepared to serve on the state seeding committee the day after the district tournament to represent their district's individual placers.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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