

NMAA TENNIS

2023-2024 Updates and Points of Emphasis

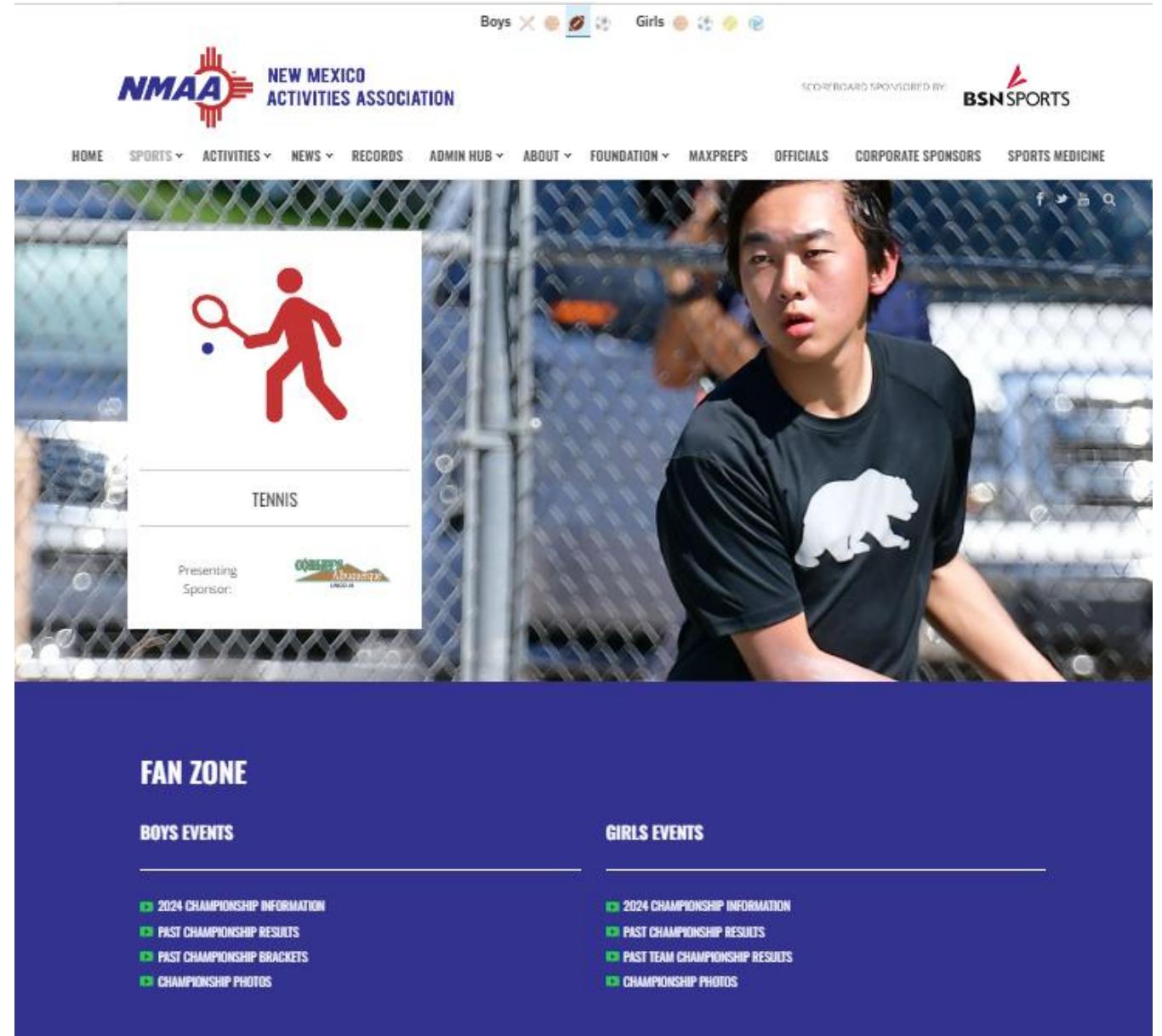
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Important Dates

- February 12, 2024: Competition start date
- February 15, 2024: Deadline for completion of online district rules clinic
- March 1, 2024: Deadline for posting of schedules and rosters via Max Preps
- April 15, 2024: Team Singles and Doubles Roster Declarations due to the NMAA
- April 16, 2024: Team Singles and Doubles Rosters posted to the NMAA website
- April 22, 2024: Deadline for Stacking protests
- April 27, 2024: Regular season ends
- Apr 29 - May 4, 2024: District Individual Championships
- May 1, 2024: District Singles/Doubles Entries due to the NMAA by 12:00PM
- May 4, 2024: District Chairperson Placement forms due to the NMAA by 8:00PM
- May 5, 2024: Coaches Input forms due to the NMAA by 8:00AM
- May 5, 2024: State Tennis Team & Individual Seeding/Selection/Bracket Release
- May 8 - 11, 2024: State Tennis Championships



IMPORTANT

State Championships

- **Individual Championships** – May 8-9, 2024

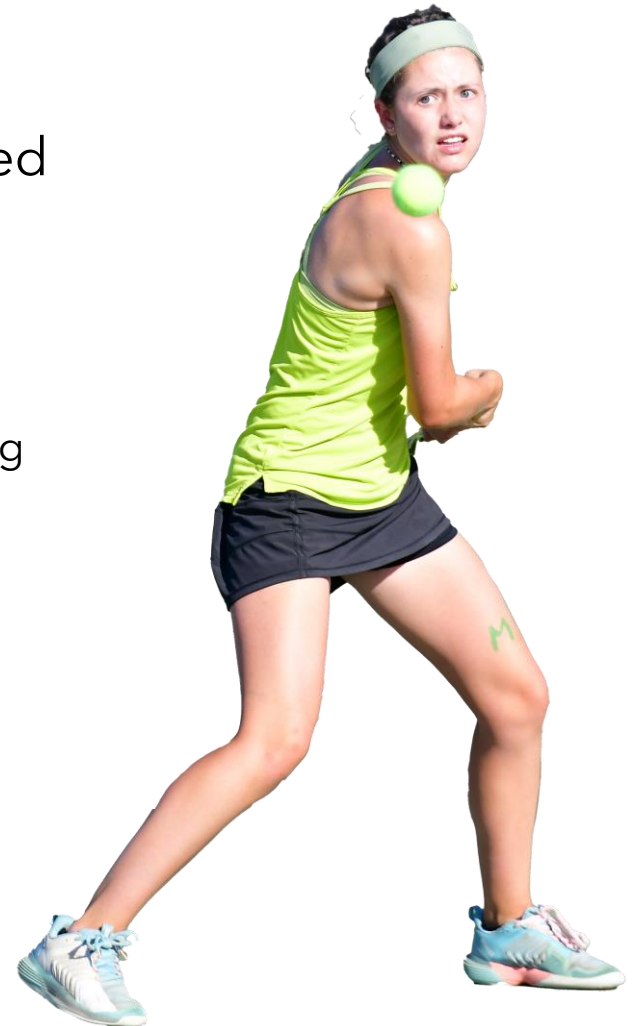
- 16 singles players/doubles teams qualify in each class
 - Top 3 from the district championships
 - 1 at-large bid – 4th place finishers at the district tournament shall be eligible for consideration
- District Champion Reps – Will select seeds and the at-large bid and alternates
- **NEW** – **Top 6 will be seeded** at the State Tournament and the **remaining 10 will be drawn in**
- Individuals may not participate in both singles and doubles at district or state



State Championships

○ **Team Championships** – May 10-11, 2024

- 12 teams qualify in each class
- District Champions automatically qualify (5), remainder of field filled with at-large selections (7)
- Teams will be seeded/selected using the following criteria:
 - ✓ Coach input, district finish, head-to-head, wins against district champs, winning percentage
- Must have a full 6-3 line-up to be eligible for state tournament participation
- Individuals may participate in both singles and doubles



State Championships

○ Coaches Input Form

- **Individual Championships** - Select top 6 singles/doubles
- District Champion Reps - Will select seeds and the at-large bid and alternates
- **Team Championships** - Select top 12 teams
- Teams will be seeded/selected using the following criteria:
 - ✓ Coach input, district finish, head-to-head, wins against district champs, winning percentage

***Note** - Coaches wishing to submit a coaches' input form, must submit a **complete** form with legitimate selections based on the criteria above.



MaxPreps



Results

- All results must be posted in Max Preps
- Data in Max Preps will be used to seed/select state tournament
- Should be posted within 72-hours

Rosters

- Before a player participates in a match, they **MUST** be entered on your Max Preps roster
- Rosters need to be exchanged before the match to ensure match-ups/names are correct - NMAA Template online



MaxPreps

Creating Schedules

- Schools that are hosting “tournaments” are required to create those events inside Max Preps
- Do NOT create tournaments you are not hosting - leads to duplicate events
- Single dual matches can be entered by either school - typically host creates

Max Prep Event Types

- Dual Meet - Any dual match, including tournament dual matches
- Multi-Team (Invitational) - Multi-team tournaments (dual tournament “team standings”, individual/flighted tournament results)



MaxPreps

Result Entry Procedures

- Dual Match
 - ✓ Winning team should enter both team and individual results
- Dual Tournament
 - ✓ **Host school** responsible for posting team standings (**Multi-Team/Invitational**)
 - ✓ **No individual results should be entered inside that event**
 - ✓ Dual matches need to be entered as “separate” dual matches on the schedule and the winning team enters both team/individual results (**Dual Match**)
- Individual/Flighted Tournament (**Multi-Team/Invitational**)
 - ✓ **Host school** responsible for posting team standings
 - ✓ Each coach is required to ensure all individual results are entered – coach responsibility
 - ✓ If a school has already entered a correct result, do not re-enter it

MaxPreps

Instructions on adding a Dual Match

- Coaches/AD's go to "Schedule" and then "Schedule a Match."
- Click "Dual Match" then "Continue." Fill in all pertinent information and then save the match.
 - Be sure to designate Dual Matches that are district matches by selecting "Conference"
- Either school can post the match initially to the schedule, but winning team should post team/individual results later.



MaxPreps

Instructions on Creating a Tournament OR Adding Your School to a Tournament

- Coaches/AD's go to "Schedule" and then "Schedule a Match."
- **Host schools**
 - Click "Multi-Team Invitational" then "Continue" and then "Create New Match." This will establish the event on the MaxPreps Tennis site.
 - Click all the teams from the state menu that are invited.
- **Visiting schools**
 - Click "Multi-Team Invitational" and then "Continue." This will display all available invitational tournaments that have already been set up.
 - Click "add team" and then select your school and click "add team."
 - Do NOT create tournaments that you are not hosting.



Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)



- **UTR**

- **NEW – NOT required for the 2023-2024 SY.**
- Schools wishing to continue using UTR may still do so.
- Match data entered in Max Preps will automatically populate into UTR each week and count toward UTR rating.
- Instructions on setting up your accounts are posted online:
 - https://www.nmact.org/file/UTR_Instructions.pdf
- If you need personal assistance, you may contact:
 - Jonathan Hicks, jonathan@universaltennis.com



NMAA Bylaw Updates & Reminders

- **Competition Limits/Sizes**

- 12 Event Limit
 - USTA League matches count toward the limit
 - USTA Tournaments do not count
- An “event” is a competition that logically and equitably determines the **rank order** of teams/individuals based on the competitive format of the event.
- Multi-day events must be held on consecutive days to be considered a single event.
- Cannot start until 3:00PM on a school day unless it's a consecutive-day tournament that includes Saturday



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District Competition

- 1) Schools may play all teams in head-to-head dual matches **OR** 2) complete a district tournament to determine district placement
- If using H2H, schools/districts shall determine in advance which district dual matches count toward the district overall record
- Strongly recommend having a district meeting to determine how best to maximize competition limits and schedule all district matches

NMAA Bylaw Updates & Reminders

Dual Format/Rosters

- **6-3 Format** (6 singles – 3 doubles)
 - Dual matches must be completed to the full nine points to be included for record purposes
 - Abbreviated formats will count for head-to-head criteria, but not for record/winning percentage
 - Score must add up to 9 to be counted for records purposes



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Dual Format/Rosters

- **District Play** – If using head-to-head format, must play out all nine matches, **abbreviated team formats are not permitted**
 - Matches shall consist of best two-of-three tie-breaker sets, with ad scoring and a 7-point tie-breaker at 6 all in each set
 - Once a team has earned 5 points, modified scoring is permitted for the remaining matches (Prosets, No ad, etc.)
 - Schools that are unable to start a match with the full 6-3 format, shall forfeit the dual 9-0 in MaxPreps, but may play out the individual singles/doubles matches for individual records purposes



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Dual Format/Rosters

- **Non-District play** - Schools unable to start a match with the full 6-3 format may, by mutual consent:
 - Play an abbreviated format **OR**
 - May continue with the full 6-3 format with the team(s) forfeiting vacant singles/doubles matches starting at the bottom of the order
 - Modified scoring formats are permitted in all matches by mutual consent - Prosets, No ad, etc.



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- **FINAL Team Rosters**

- Shall be submitted to the NMAA no later than Monday, April 15
- Rosters are final after April 15
- Rosters shall include no more than 12 singles players and no more than 6 doubles teams
- Rosters shall be ranked best to worst. Stacking is not permitted.
- Match line-up must be presented to the opposing coach prior to each match after April 15 and must adhere to rank order listed
- Monday, April 22 is the stacking protest deadline



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- **Roster Substitution Rules**

- Cannot substitute a lower ranked team/player in front of a higher ranked team/player
- Coaches must maintain a strongest to weakest lineup as designated on the NMAA roster submitted April 15



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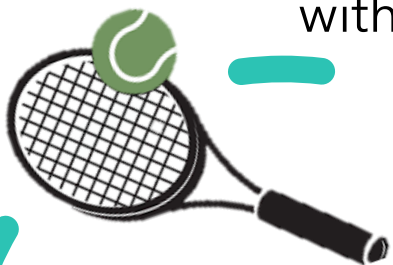
- **Roster Substitution Rules**

- Doubles Options

- **Replace a single player on a doubles team** (i.e. replacing a member of #1 doubles with a member of #2 doubles) **or**
 - **Move all declared teams forward in their lineup** (declared #2 becomes #1; declared #3 becomes #2 etc.).
 - ✓ Any player, or combination of players, from a lower declared team may replace players on the #3 doubles team.

- Once official line-ups have been submitted for a dual:

- Must replace injured teams/individuals in the order the roster was submitted
 - If matches have already begun which prevents teams/individuals from moving up, the withdrawn player/team defaults the match



Credit for Attending

