

NMAA TENNIS

2024-2025 Updates and Points of Emphasis

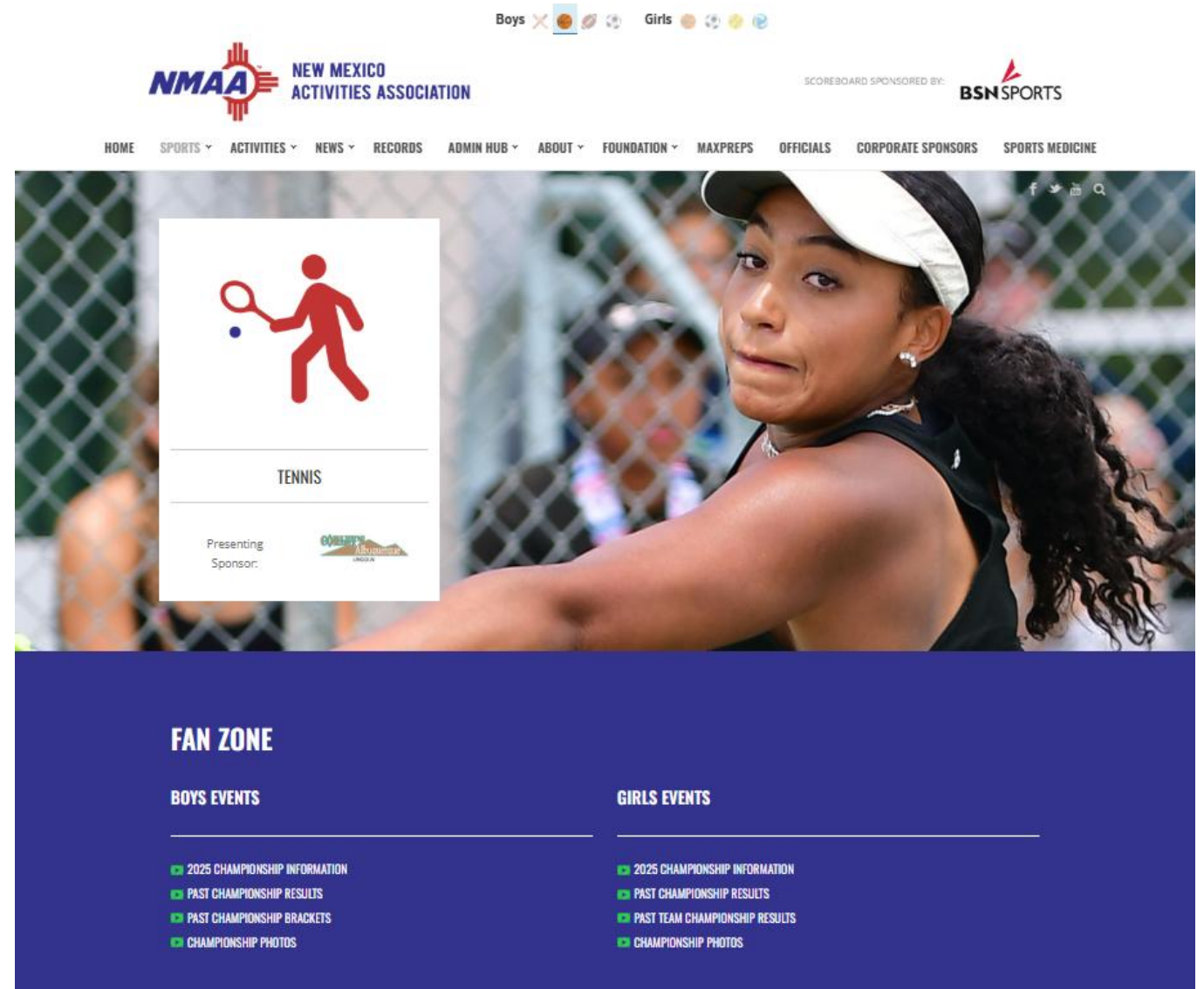
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Important Dates

- February 10, 2025: Competition start date
- February 15, 2025: Deadline for completion of online district rules clinic
- March 1, 2025: Deadline for posting of schedules and rosters via Max Preps
- April 14, 2025: Team Singles and Doubles Roster Declarations due to the NMAA
- April 15, 2025: Team Singles and Doubles Rosters posted to the NMAA website
- April 22, 2025: Deadline for Stacking protests
- April 26, 2025: Regular season ends
- Apr 28 - May 3, 2025: District Individual Championships
- April 30, 2025: District Singles/Doubles Entries due to the NMAA by 12:00PM
- May 3, 2025: District Chairperson Placement forms due to the NMAA by 8:00PM
- May 4, 2025: Coaches Input forms due to the NMAA by 8:00AM
- May 4, 2025: State Tennis Team & Individual Seeding/Selection/Bracket Release
- May 7 - 10, 2025: State Tennis Championships



IMPORTANT

State Championships

○ **Individual Championships** – May 7-8, 2025

- 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
- **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 9-10, 2025

- 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
- **NEW - Top 6 will be seeded, remaining 6 will be drawn in (district opponents will be separated in 1st round)**
- 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 inv 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.



USTA Serve Tennis

- **USTA**

- **Potential Future Results Platform**

- Possible pilot events this season at various events

- Provides real time results/scores, digital tournament management, player/team ratings, etc.



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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- **Coaching During Play - Standard Regulations**

- Coaches may communicate during the change of sides (except after the change-over after the first game of each set) through the fence only.
- In the case of split sets, coaching is allowed off-court during the 10-minute intermission between the second and third sets.
- Designated school coaches must have a current NM coaching license, an active MaxPreps account, and be recognized by their school as a contracted coach.



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- **Coaching During Play - Pilot Regulations**

- Must receive approval by NMAA prior to use

1. Coaching shall be permitted except during points and serves.
2. Coaching shall be from outside the court/fence.
 - a. On-court coaching shall not be permitted.
3. Coaching shall not interfere with the flow of the match.
 - a. Players shall not come to the fence during a game or between even games for coaching.
 - b. Coaching shall only be permitted during the time allowed between points as stated by USTA guidelines.
4. Coaching shall be limited to assisting athletes strategically or mechanically.
5. Coaches shall not help with the score or make judgment calls (calling shots) on balls that have been played.

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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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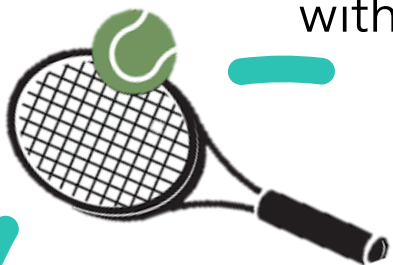
- **Roster Substitution Rules**

- 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



Thank You!!

