

Tennis Rules Clinic-Unit 1 (Introduction and General Information)

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Greetings from the NMAA and welcome to the 2016-17 interscholastic tennis season. This portion of the rules clinic will be used to remind you of important dates for the upcoming season and to draw your attention to important updates/changes to the sport and to USTA rules which govern our sport. Please review the information in this rules clinic carefully and share them with your school administrators, assistant coaches, players and parents.

Key Dates

February 6, 2017:	Competition start date. Since tennis is a year-round sport the practice start date is determined by the local school district.
February 28, 2017:	Deadline date for head coaches to complete the rules clinic
February 28, 2017:	Posting of schedules and rosters due to NMAA at www.nmact.org via MaxPreps.
April 16, 2017:	Team Singles and Doubles Roster Declarations due to the NMAA
April 16, 2017:	Team photos--post via MaxPreps
April 24, 2017:	Stacking protest deadline
April 26-29, 2017	District Team and Individual championship events
April 30, 2017:	State Tennis Seeding and posting of results
May 3, 2017:	Selection of Coaches Assn. All-Star Teams—Jerry Cline Center
May 3-4, 2017:	State Individual Tennis Championships
May 5-6, 2017:	State Team Tennis Championships
June 8-10, 2017:	NMHSCA All-Star Tennis Event

Important Tennis Information for 2017.

- NMHSCA Tennis All-Star Competition. The coaches association board has already approved the 2017 event. It will be held June 8-10, 2017. Location to be determined. One requirement is that head coaches of qualifying athletes must be members of the NM coaches association in order for their athletes to be able to compete. This rule is consistent with requirements in all sports hosting all-star competitions. Coaching association applications are available at www.nmhscsca.org.
- Unit III of this clinic will provide important information about USTA and National Federation Player Safety Rules as follows:
 1. USTA Recovery Rule
 2. National Federation/NMAA Heat Illness guidelines.
- MaxPreps Tennis Registration. All tennis schools must establish a boys/girls tennis page through the MaxPreps registration process. School athletic directors have access codes for coaches and can walk coaches through the process, including posting rosters, schedules and coaching staff names and roles. Your

MaxPreps tennis page will allow you to post team match results and individual singles and doubles player results throughout the season. This will become an invaluable tool in the seeding process. **All tennis results must be reported to the MaxPreps site in order to be considered for state seeding purposes.**

- Tennis state champions and all-time state tennis records. We have updated the tennis team and individual champions on the NMAA Tennis web site (www.nmact.org), click “Athletics” then “Spring Sports”, then “Tennis”. Past champions are listed on the tennis site under “Past Champions Listing”. With the assistance of coaches and tennis enthusiasts from around the state we have compiled a list of **all-time state tennis records** which are also posted on the NMAA Tennis page. We hope you find these interesting and informative. Please help us to update any missing information or correct any factual errors.

I want to wish each of you the best of luck in the upcoming season. As you prepare for the upcoming season please understand that the sport of tennis provides opportunity for some of the greatest life lessons and educational moments of any sport. Many of these opportunities come in the practice setting. The great Arthur Ashe reminds us of this when he tells us “success is a journey, not a destination. The preparation is more important than the outcome.” I also share a quote from Billie Jean King that enforces the educational opportunities you have as a coach, “Tennis taught me so many things in life. One of the things it taught me is that on every ball that comes to me I have to make a decision. I have to accept the responsibility for the consequences every time I hit the ball.” In today’s world this is an important quality for our young people to acquire as a part of their character. Our sport and your coaching provide that opportunity.

Thank you for your dedication to the student-athletes of our state and best of luck on the upcoming season.

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