



2009 STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. NMAA rules will be used; guidelines by USTA.
2. The highest level of sportsmanship is expected from every player and coach.
3. It is considered unsportsmanlike conduct to engage in abusive display of temper, loud or vulgar language or gestures, racket throwing, hitting the ball in anger, and stalling.
4. Inappropriate court conduct: first infraction is loss of a point, second infraction is loss of a game, third infraction is forfeit of match.
5. Players must wear a uniform which represents their school while participating in the state championships. Doubles teams must have “matching” attire in order to be eligible for competition. “Matching attire” representative of the school includes clothing of the same color with variations of style. For example, a doubles team can have different sleeve lengths and wear differing styles of shorts, tennis skirts, pants etc., as long as the colors are the same. Players not conforming to this policy may be disqualified from competition.
6. Check-in time will be approximately **15 minutes prior** to scheduled match time. *Default is 15 minutes after scheduled match time.*
7. A **5-minute warm-up**, including serves, will be allowed.
8. Players may communicate only with a designated high school coach during change of sides, through the fence only. There is no break after the first game of each set; play will be continuous. Change-overs after the first game of each set are limited to 90 seconds. Spectators/parents **may not assist** in line calls, scoring or coaching. If a roving USTA official witnesses a violation of the stated coaching policy either by a coach, parent or spectator, the observing umpire shall apply the relevant USTA rule governing such behavior.
9. Once play begins, it shall be continuous. A 10-minute break is allowed after the second set.
10. A player may request assistance from a Tournament Manager through his/her coach. Players may not leave the court during continuous play.
11. The server must call out the score so his/her opponent can hear it clearly.
12. The player’s coach is required to be in attendance during a match unless otherwise cleared through the tournament director.