



## **INDIVIDUAL/DOUBLES TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND PROCEDURES FOR PLAY**

- USTA/NMAA officials will be at the State Tournament, and each site will have a site referee. Each site will also have a Site Director and Assistant Director. All of these are under the direction of Sally Marquez, Tournament Director.
- All matches in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and quarterfinals will consist of the best two of three sets, with all games to be played under **no ad** scoring and with a ten-point tie-breaker for the third set.
- All matches in the semifinal and finals rounds will consist of the best two of three sets, with all games to be played under ad scoring and with a seven-point tie-breaker at 6-all in any set.
- There will be a 15-minute default period, a 5-minute warm-up period and a limit of 10 minutes after split sets to ensure smooth administration of the tournament and timely completion of the competition.
- All players will make their own calls on their side of the net, and coaches must stress to their players to exercise all proper sportsmanship behaviors and responsibilities in so doing. When any roving USTA official is on court and witnesses a clearly mistaken call, he or she will overrule the mistaken call.
- During play, players and the designated high school coach 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 during the 10-minute intermission between the second and third sets.
- Play will be continuous, with the time between points not to exceed 30 seconds and time for changeovers not to exceed 90 seconds (except for the changeover after the first set, where play is continuous).
- When disputes arise repeatedly in a match, the players involved should request a USTA official. USTA umpires assigned to each site will act as roving umpires to ensure that the rules of the game are being followed.
- After the match is complete, the winner(s) will report the score and return the balls to the site director.
- Any matters not addressed above will be resolved by consulting the USTA rulebook.

