



USTA NNMTA's 2010 GOVERNOR'S CUP MID-SCHOOL TENNIS LEAGUE PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ALB PARKS & REC DEP'T

League Season and Schedule: League play begins Thursday, 9/9/10, for schools ready to play. We can arrange matches for teams ready to play the week before---on 9/2. Each school team should meet two times per week beginning mid-August or the 1st week of September (two practices or one match and one practice per week) and continuing through Thursday, 10/14. Alb Metro area matches are played immediately after school.

Match format - One set, no-ad scoring, tiebreaker at 6 games all. 12 point (set) tiebreak

Match Schedule and Sites: Matches on Thursdays after school, with Fridays for makeup matches. For rural divisions involving travel, matches can be scheduled for weekends. City and High School tennis courts, as well as private clubs nearby to schools are utilized. For new programs, home courts nearby your school will be located and reserved for you.

Coaches' Meetings: Central NM Division Coaches' meeting is set for Sunday 8/15/10 at 4:00 PM at Jerry Cline Tennis Center in Alb to distribute detailed information on the league and team/player registration. There will be a Coaches' Training and Orientation immediately following the meeting. Coaches' Meetings for other areas can be set in a central location within their areas.

Divisions and Eligibility: Teams are coed, and any child in middle school (6th-8th grades) in New Mexico is eligible to participate. Schools have from 6-60 students participating.

"A" and "B" Divisions: Similar to Varsity/Jr. Varsity divisions. Three boys' and three girls' singles and doubles, one set, no-ad scoring. [12 matches]

"Coed Mix & Match" Division - Varsity & JV flights: For small schools: 6 singles and 3 doubles, any gender or combination of gender, played according to strength. [9 matches]

End-of-Season Championships: State-wide team competition held Saturday and Sunday, 10/16 & 10/17, at the Albuquerque Academy and such other sites as are necessary. Each team is guaranteed at least two matches. Team trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners of each division as well as Consolation Division winners. Format is the same as league play, and divisions will be flighted.

Fees and Insurance: \$13.00 per player, which covers registration fees for the league and the tournament as well as insurance for coaches, players and volunteers. Fees are payable through TennisLink, a registration system used by the USTA. **PLEASE NOTE.** No student will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Scholarships are available.

Activity Leader/Coach and Coaching Stipends: Each team needs a coach/activity leader. That person can be a local teaching pro, a parent, a retired tennis player or a physical education teacher. In schools without funding sources for the coaches/assistants, coaches are encouraged to charge fees of from \$20-\$30.00/player in order to fund a minimum coaching stipend of \$400.00. Funding is available through the NM Youth Tennis Foundation for coaching stipends and transportation.

Team Banners and Team T-shirts [w/ school name and colors]: NMYTF will purchase School Tennis banners for each participating school that joins the USTA as an organizational member and commits to maintaining the banner in a central location within the school. Coaches/Schools are to provide graphics and detail for banners. Uniforms consisting of team t-shirts to be obtained for each team. Cost to be paid by students or through Activity Fees or fund-raising/PTO activities.

Coaches' Support, Equipment and Transportation: USTA will provide practice balls, racquets if needed, coaches' training, prizes for End-of-Season Championships, plaques and prizes for each Division. Schools may receive grants and financial assistance as necessary for regular season expenses as well as for end of season tournament travel.

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