



NMAA STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presented by Corley's Albuquerque Lincoln

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. NMAA rules will be used; under the guidance of the most-current USTA, "Friend at Court" Handbook.
2. The highest level of sportsmanship is expected from every player and coach.
3. It is considered unsportsmanlike conduct to engage in any abusive display of temper, loud or vulgar language, vulgar gestures, racket throwing, hitting the ball in anger, physical contact with opposing players or officials, retaliatory line calling, blatant displays of gamesmanship, unnecessary delay, and stalling.
4. Inappropriate court conduct will result in application of the Point Penalty System as follows: first infraction is a point penalty; second infraction is a game penalty; third infraction is a default of the 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. Compression shorts or spandex, worn alone without accompanying skirt/shorts, are not acceptable tennis attire. If worn by a doubles team under shorts/skirts these should be of matching color. **Players not conforming to this policy during the state championships will be disqualified from competition.**
6. Check-in time will be **15 minutes prior** to scheduled match time. Please ensure your athletes have used the restroom prior to check-in. **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 school-approved and licensed coach during change of sides, through the fence only. The coach must have a current NM coaching license, an active MaxPreps account, and be recognized by their school as a contracted coach. There is no break after the first game of each set; play will be continuous. Change-over 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. Coaching during the split-set break period may occur off-court.
10. A player may request assistance from a tournament manager/director through his/her coach. Players may not leave the court during continuous play.
11. The server must call out the score before each unit of serve so his/her opponent can hear it clearly. Failure to do so will result in the application of the point penalty system as applied by an observing official directly.
12. A player's coach is required to be in attendance during a tournament match unless otherwise cleared through the tournament director.
13. NMAA Tennis District policies should be in accordance with above rules and district tennis matches/tournaments must be conducted utilizing these rules.