



NMAA STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presented by Corley's Albuquerque Lincoln

INDIVIDUAL 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 the NMAA.
- All matches in all 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 (USTA Code of Conduct) and responsibilities in so doing. This includes calling the score before each serve and before the start of each game. When a roving USTA official is on court and witnesses a mistaken call, he or she will overrule the mistaken call immediately.
- During play, players and a 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 off-court during the 10-minute intermission between the second and third sets. Designated school coaches must have a current NM coaching license, an active MaxPreps account, and be recognized by their school as a contracted coach.
- Play will be continuous, with the time between points not to exceed 20 seconds and time for changeovers not to exceed 90 seconds (except for the changeover after the first game of each 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 adhered to.
- After the match is complete, the winner(s) will report the score and return the balls to the site desk.
- Any matters not addressed above will be resolved by consulting the most-current USTA "Friend at Court" Handbook.
- Rest Period. As per USTA Rules a 2-hour rest period will be offered to singles players between matches. This can be waived by the player/coach, but in no case will the time between singles matches be less than 60-minutes. For doubles matches the rest period is 30-minutes between matches. By rule this can be waived by the player/coach in the presence of the site director.