



## **NMAA STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Presented by Corley's Albuquerque Lincoln**

### **TEAM FORMAT AND PROCEDURES FOR PLAY**

- USTA/NMAA officials will be at the State Tournament. All of these officials are under the direction of the NMAA.
- The Full Team Rosters as submitted to the NMAA on NMAA week #42 will be utilized.
- In each round of team competition, a coach can select any line-up of singles players and doubles teams from their full roster, as long as they remain from strongest to weakest. **No Stacking!**
- Substitution: On the official match lineup form, a coach may replace a player as follows: Substitutions shall be on the full Team Roster, as declared on Monday of NMAA week #42. Substitutions shall not be permitted to be entered in front of a stronger declared singles player/doubles team and coaches shall maintain a strongest to weakest lineup. In doubles, coaches have the option to either replace a single player on a doubles team (i.e. replacing a member of #1 doubles with a member of #2 doubles) or also have the option of moving all declared teams forward in their lineup (declared #2 becomes #1; declared #3 becomes #2 etc.). In doubles, any player, or combination of players, from a lower declared team may replace players on the #3 doubles team. Once official line-ups have been submitted for a dual, teams shall be required to shift lineups forward, and in the order submitted, to replace any vacancies created due to injury (if matches have begun, and this prevents players/teams from moving up, then the withdrawn player/team defaults that match).
- The line-up must be submitted to the site director at least **30 minutes** before the start of each round of team competition. A line-up sheet will be provided in the team packet.
- A team/match winner is determined by who wins the most singles/doubles matches against the opponent utilizing the 9-point format (6-singles and 3-doubles).
- 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.
- All 9 matches will be played in the first round. In first round matches, once a team has earned 5 points, remaining matches already underway will play a 10-point match tie-breaker in lieu of a 3rd set and any matches not yet started will play an 8-game pro set. Coaches may substitute their roster once a team has reached 5 points. After the first round, play will conclude once a team has won the best 5 out of 9 single/double matches combined. Exception: Teams receiving a first round bye may request that all 9 matches be played out following first round rules.
- Coaching during play is permitted. Coaches may communicate with players during change of sides or between sets through the fence only. An approved coach must have a NM coaching license, and be recognized by their school as a contracted coach.