

# Section One Girls Tennis Booklet 2021



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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Pre-Season Coaches Meeting** August 25th @ 8pm (Zoom)

**First Practice** permitted August 23rd, 2021

**First Scrimmage/Game** permitted after 6 days (August 30th, 2021)

**Last day to play** October 8, 2021

**Seeding Meeting** October 7, 2021

**Maximum # of Contests** 16

**Rules** USTA

## **POSTSEASON**

The dates/times and format of play for the Section One Tournaments are subject to change at the discretion of the sports chairperson due to inclement weather. Dates of the postseason tournaments are based on the dates of the NYSPHSAA championships.

### **Individual Tournament:**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st/2nd round:	Sat, 10/9	Harrison HS	TBD
Quarterfinals:	Sun, 10/10	Harrison HS	TBD
Semis:	Mon, 10/11	Harrison HS	TBD
Finals:	Tues, 10/12	Harrison HS	TBD
Rain Date:	Wed, 10/13		

### **Team Tournament:**

<b>3/4 Tournament</b> (16 teams)	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st round:	Sat, 10/16	Harrison HS	TBD
2nd round:	Sun, 10/17	Harrison HS	TBD
Semis:	Mon, 10/18	Harrison HS	TBD
Finals:	Tues, 10/19	Harrison HS	TBD
Rain Date:	Wed, 10/20		

<b>3/2 Tournament</b> (12 teams)	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st round:	Sat, 10/16	Higher Seed	TBD
2nd round:	Sun, 10/17	Harrison HS	TBD
Semis:	Mon, 10/18	Harrison HS	TBD
Finals:	Tues, 10/19	Harrison HS	TBD
Rain Date:	Wed, 10/20		

<b><u>Regional Competition</u></b>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Team Sub-Regionals	Sat, 10/23	Goshen Sports Complex	TBD
Team Regionals	Tues, 10/26	Binghamton Tennis Center	TBD

<b><u>NYSPHSAA Championships</u></b>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Individual Tournament	10/28 - 10/30	Sporttime, Schenectady	8:30 AM
Team Final Four and Finals	Sat, 11/6	USTA Tennis Center	TBD

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## **LEAGUES & DIVISIONS**

### **2021-2022**

#### **Division I (BEDS $\geq$ 600)**

##### **League A**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

White Plains  
Mt. Vernon  
Port Chester  
New Rochelle

##### **League B**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

North Rockland  
Clarkstown No  
Clarkstown So  
Suffern

##### **League C**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Arlington  
Roy C Ketcham  
John Jay EF  
Poughkeepsie

##### **League D**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Scarsdale  
Ursuline  
Mamaroneck  
Fox Lane  
Horace Greeley

##### **League E**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Mahopac  
Brewster  
Carmel  
Yorktown

##### **League F**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Pearl River  
Nyack  
Tappan Zee  
Sleepy Hollow  
East Ramapo

##### **League G**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Lakeland  
Somers  
Walter Panas  
Ossining  
John Jay CR

##### **League H**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Pelham  
Harrison  
Rye  
Eastchester

\* Division 1: League Champion automatically qualifies for the 3/4 team tournament with 8 additional teams selected by committee to participate in the postseason sectional tournament. Draw will consist of 16 teams with the champion advancing to the sub-regional round.

#### **Division II (BEDS $\leq$ 599)**

##### **League A**

**3-2**

##### **Double Round**

Briarcliff  
Pleasantville  
Westlake  
Valhalla  
Leffell School

##### **League B**

**3-2**

##### **Double Round**

Lourdes  
North Salem  
Pawling  
Croton-Harmon  
Haldane

##### **League C**

**3-2**

##### **Double Round**

Dobbs Ferry  
Tuckahoe  
Irvington  
Woodlands  
Hastings

##### **League D**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Bronxville  
Edgemont  
Blind Brook  
Byram Hills  
Rye Neck

##### **League E**

**3-4**

##### **Double Round**

Hen Hud  
Ardsley  
Nanuet  
Albertus

\* Division II: League Champion and 2nd place finisher of League A, B, and C qualifies for the 3/2 team sectional tournament. The League Champion, 2nd and 3rd place finisher of League D and League E qualifies for the 3/2 sectional tournament. Draw will consist of 12 teams with the 1st-4th seeds receiving byes in the 1st round. The champion will advance to the sub-regional round.

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#### **RULES FOR LEAGUE PLAY**

1. The contest shall consist of seven (7) matches in all divisions that play 3/4 format. The contests will be 5 matches in all divisions that play 3/2 format.
2. When seven (7) matches are played, they will consist of three (3) singles and four (4) Doubles. (Eleven (11) Players) When five (5) matches are played, they will consist of three (3) singles and two (2) doubles. (Seven (7) Players)
  - a. Each match shall be decided by the best two (2) out of three (3) sets. Regular scoring will be used in all sets. If a 3rd set is required, a 10 pt tiebreaker will be played instead of the 3rd set. No changes shall be made.
  - b. If the set is tied at 6 All, a 12-point tiebreaker will be employed. First to 7 points must win by 2. Players will exchange ends of court after the six points, and every multiple of six after that. Player or team must win by a margin of two.
  - c. Individual matches may be shortened, when conditions warrant and with the agreement of both coaches.
3. Scoring:
  - a. Players shall keep score in accordance with USTA rules.
  - b. Disputes in scoring and line calls are to be referred to a coach. If a decision cannot be reached, the players will go back to the last agreed upon score or if this fails, the final determination will be by the spin of the racket.
  - c. \*When in doubt about a call, the call should go to the opponent.
4. The lineup shall consist of the top three (3) players in order of ability, as determined by playoff in singles position 1, 2, and 3. The remaining players shall be grouped into doubles teams, and after playoffs, set up in order 1, 2, 3, and 4. Lineups shall be exchanged simultaneously.
  - a. If a singles player is forced to miss a match for illness or other reasons, the coach must elect one of the following actions:
    - i. Move all other singles players up, and move a doubles player up to third singles.
    - ii. Play a substitute at third singles, moving all singles players up.
      1. Coaches may not move a substitute directly into first or second singles. If one (1) player of the #1, #2, #3, Doubles teams is missing, any player not otherwise playing may substitute at Fourth Doubles. All other players may only move up or down one position.
  - b. Late arriving player: It is recognized that the **HOME** team may sometimes have problems. Therefore, while it is discouraged, a match for a late arriver may be postponed until a court opens for the 7th match. If the late arriver is not ready when the court opens, the match is defaulted.
  - c. If a team is forced to default a position, every effort should be made to notify the coach of the other team.
5. If a match is called because of rain or darkness, the team that is ahead will be declared the winner, if it has scored four (4) points. The **HOME** coach will determine whether a match is to be called.
6. If neither team has scored four (4) points and a partially completed match is halted by rain or darkness, it will be resumed from the point at which it stopped and the following will apply:
  - a. All individual matches that have started will continue from the point of interruption.
  - b. All matches completed prior to interruption shall count.
  - c. If an individual match has started, the same players must continue. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit for that particular match.
  - d. All individual matches that have not started must be played with the original line up.

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#### **RULES FOR LEAGUE PLAY** continued

7. Only the coach may speak to the players at the change of sides, and then briefly to permit the normal progress of the match. The coach cannot go on the court. There is a maximum ten (10) minute break between the second and third sets. No one, but players, is to be on the court.
8. School uniforms must be worn along with appropriate tennis attire and shoes.
9. Point Penalties – Unsportsmanlike conduct – Modified USTA point penalties will be used. (See Below.) They may be called by either coach.
  - a. A warning should be issued prior to the beginning of a team match.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT	1st	2nd	3rd
i. Obscenity or profanity - visible or audible	PT	GAME	DFLT
ii. Abuse of racket, balls, or equipment	PT	GAME	DFLT
iii. Abuse of Official	PT	GAME	DFLT
10. The **HOME** team shall provide new match balls for each match.

#### **ON-COURT RULES**

- If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. You should not play a let.
- It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of the first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
- Any "out" or "let" call must be made instantaneously (i.e., made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play); otherwise, the ball continues in play.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
- If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, you should correct your call.
- To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the set score (e.g. 2-1) before starting a game and the game score (e.g. thirty-forty) prior to serving each point.
- If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point or they may spin a racket.
- Foot faults are not allowed. If an opponent persists in foot-faulting after being warned not to do so, the referee should be informed.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.

#### **RULES UPDATES**

Please see the NYSPHSAA sports specific webpage for all applicable [USTA 2021 Tennis Rules & Regulations](#)

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**ELIGIBILITY** - Submit the Sport Verification form by Oct 7th

**NYSPHSAA Handbook**

**#26 Representation Rule**

**Minimum Number of Contests** To be eligible for sectional, intersectional or state competition, a team must have completed in **six (6)** school scheduled contests which occurred on **six (6)** different dates during the season.

**Team/Individual and Individual Sports:** An individual must also have represented their school in **six (6)** scheduled contests during the season to be eligible. These required contests must occur on **six (6)** different dates and must be conducted prior to the conclusion of the team's regular schedule.

### **INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**

- The seeding meeting will consist of representatives from each of the leagues. These representatives will seed the tournament using UTR, regular season results, etc... to create the singles and doubles draw.
- Matches will begin at 8:30am and singles players/doubles teams show up 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time in order to limit the number of players, coaches, spectators on site. Match times posted on the draw sheet is an approximate start time. Matches may start earlier or later depending on court availability. Singles/doubles teams not on site location will be defaulted after 10 minutes of scheduled start time.
- Players/doubles teams must be able to provide their own transportation to matches and must be accompanied by a school appointed coach. Matches will be played through the evening, weather permitting. In the event of rain, match days/times will be rescheduled. No accommodations will be made once the draw sheet is completed. Players/doubles teams must be available to compete during the entire tournament.
- Singles players/doubles teams must be prepared to play 2 matches in one day. All rounds of the tournament will be best 2 out of 3 sets w/ad, 10pt super-tiebreaker for the 3rd set, with the exception of the semi-finals, finals and 3rd place match.
- Semis, finals, and 3rd place match of both the singles and doubles draw will be best 2 out of 3 full sets, with ad. Medals will be awarded for 1st through 4th place.
- Doubles draw will be a maximum of 64 teams (16 seeded teams) and singles draw will be a maximum of 32 players (8 seeded players).
- Singles player/doubles team must each provide 2 cans of tennis balls per entry into the tournament.
- Any changes to the tournament are at the discretion of the tournament director.
- The individual sport verification (last page of this booklet) must be completed and submitted on the 1st day of the sectional tournament.

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#### **RULES FOR POSTSEASON SECTIONAL INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT**

1. Two rounds may be played each day. Players are entitled to a minimum of 30 minutes of rest between matches.
2. Each singles players and doubles team will be required to supply one can of USTA approved tennis balls for each match. Winners keep the unopened can.
3. All tennis players must wear proper tennis attire.
4. Sectional Tournament onto States, the **NO Jewelry** rule will be enforced. No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in any sport. Any piece of jewelry that is visible at the start of or during a contest is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical; medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft pliable barrettes are permissible; body gems are not. Metal barrettes are permissible in Girls Gymnastics only. NOTE: The sports of Bowling and Golf are exempt from this rule. Wrist watches are permitted in Cross Country.
5. NO substitution of players will be allowed after a tournament has started. All tennis players who enter their conference tournament are expected to commit to play through all subsequent tournaments up to and including the State Tournament. It is the student and school's responsibility to notify the sports chairperson immediately if an issue arises. If a student is placed in a tournament draw and then withdraws from the tournament, the player's school will be notified and all privileges associated with the tournament will be forfeited. Failure by a student to honor his commitment to compete for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next season's post-season tournaments. This incident will also be reported to the school administration.
6. The regular 12-point tiebreaker will be used when the set reaches 6 games all in singles and doubles.
7. The players will call all rounds. The tournament will be organized under the rules set by the **USTA**. Servers should call out the score clearly before each serve.
8. All scoring in the sectional tournament will be the same as the regular season with the exception of the semi-finals, finals and 3rd place matches of both the individual and doubles sectional championship. The semis, finals and 3rd place matches will be best 2 out of 3 full complete sets with ad.
9. Ten-minute warm-ups, including serves, will be enforced. Toss for servers should occur before warm-ups.
10. Matches will be forfeited 10 minutes after it is scheduled if player(s) is not present or not ready to play.
11. **\*All players must be accompanied by a school appointed coach! If there is no coach, the player will not be allowed to enter, or continue to play (if a coach leaves). The player will forfeit.**
12. Conference coaching is allowed during changeovers for 90 seconds, on court for two minutes between 1st and 2nd sets, 5 minutes after the 2nd set. There is no break after the first game of each set. In sectional play, when a full 3rd set with ad is played, 10 minutes will be allowed.
13. Unsportsmanlike conduct including verbal comments or gestures will not be tolerated. Violations of these rules will result in penalties under the point penalty system of the USTA with the exception of the first warning. Matches will be forfeited by offending players.



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#### **RULES FOR SECTION 1 TEAM TOURNAMENT**

1. Two separate sectional team tournaments will be held. (a 3/2 and a 3/4 tournament). **The 3/2 tournament (12 teams)** will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place league finisher in Division II: League A, B and C. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd place league finisher in League D and E.
2. **The 3/4 tournament (16 teams)** will consist of the league champions of the 8 separate leagues and 8 at large bids determined by the selection committee.
3. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 3/4 and 3/2 tournament will be held at the higher seed. The semis and finals of the 3/2 tournament will be held at a location to be determined. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round, semis and finals of the 3/4 tournament will be held at a location to be determined.
4. The selection committee will select the 8 at large bids in the 3/4 tournament based on head to head results, league results, strength of schedule, etc... In the event of a tie in terms of league placement, the selection committee will determine the participants based on head-to-head matches, league results, strength of schedule, etc... Furthermore, the selection committee will seed the tournament.
5. The 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher of each league will be guaranteed entry into the tournament. In the event of a tie, then the following tiebreaker system will be used (in no particular order): 1) head-to-head, 2) common opponent, 3) individual match wins in head-to-head contests, 4) individual match wins in common opponent contests.
6. Matches will be played in ascending order, that is, 4<sup>th</sup> doubles, followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> doubles, etc.... Once the number of points has been accumulated to determine the outcome of the match, then all matches will be pulled off the court. The format of the matches is the same as during the course of the season, best 2 out of 3 sets with ad scoring, super-tiebreaker for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set. In the 3/2 tournament, 2nd doubles, then 1st doubles, then 3rd singles, etc.... Once a team has accumulated 4 points in the 3/4 tournament, then the match is decided and all matches will be called. In the 3/2 tournament, once a team has accumulated 3 points, then the match is decided and all matches will be called.
7. A players/teams must have a UTR profile and season score reports must have been uploaded into the Rick Schneider database.
8. Teams may be expected to compete in 2 matches in one day. The
9. Teams winning the Section 1 Team Championship are expected to compete in the sub-regional round with the opportunity to compete in the regional round followed by the state final four.

#### **ON COURT PROCEDURES: NEUTRAL COACH AS MATCH REFEREE DURING TOURNAMENT**

1. Coach (referee) should bring players in and explain his or her role as referee and what is expected of players.
2. The coach (referee) is there to make sure the match is competed fairly and honestly.
3. The coach (referee) may overrule any call that he or she definitively sees as a blatant mistake by a player or doubles team. Other than that, he or she is there to only make calls when questioned by either player or players.
4. The coach (referee) has authority to call point penalties for infractions during the match, and in the most extreme case, to default any player or doubles team for blatantly disregarding the rules of conduct and fair play.
5. All on-court rules of high school and USTA will be followed.

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*\*\* As there was no state tournament in 2020, the rotation to fill byes has been pushed back 1 year. Therefore, Section 1 will qualify 1 additional doubles team to the NYSPHSAA state tournament for the 2021 season and not an additional singles player. 3 singles player and 4 doubles team will qualify for the NYSPHSAA tournament.*

#### **GIRLS TENNIS 9-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-27**

The nine-year schedule for filling the byes for the GIRLS TOURNAMENT will be assigned to five sections per year on a rotation, as listed below, who will each qualify one additional participant for singles and an additional doubles team. The combined total each year will be 15 additional participants to complete the tournament draw in both singles and doubles.

##### **2019**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 1	doubles

##### **2020**

Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 2	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	doubles

##### **2021**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 3	doubles

##### **2022**

Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 4	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	doubles

##### **2023**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 11, 5	doubles

##### **2024**

Section 8, 9, 11, 5, 6	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	doubles

##### **2025**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 8	singles
Section 6, 9, 11, 5, 8	doubles

##### **2026**

Section 5, 6, 11, 8, 9	singles
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 9	doubles

##### **2027**

Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 11	singles
Section 6, 8, 9, 5, 11	doubles



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## Individual Sport Verification

**Due: Oct 7th, 2021**  
**submit to Section 1 Chair**

Please verify below that each person listed on this roster has met the 6 contest minimum this sports season. \*This form must be submitted to the Sports Chair prior to the seeding meeting.

School \_\_\_\_\_

Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Email, Cell)

Athletes Names

Athletes Names

1. \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

13. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

15. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

16. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

19. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

20. \_\_\_\_\_

Each athlete has participated in at least 6 contests during the regular season, which meets the NYSPHSAA minimum number of contests required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's Signature/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director Signature/Date

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## Team Sport Verification

**Due: Oct 7th, 2021**  
**submit to Section 1 Chair**

Please verify below that each person listed on this roster has met the 6 contest minimum this sports season. \*This form must be submitted to the Sports Chair prior to the seeding meeting.

School \_\_\_\_\_

Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Email, Cell)

Athletes Names

Athletes Names

1. \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

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Each athlete has participated in at least 6 contests during the regular season, which meets the NYSPHSAA minimum number of contests required.

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Coach's Signature/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director Signature/Date