



TENNIS

SECTION A Regular Season Structure and Procedures

1. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants, except where superseded by Region XIX rules. In all cases, determination of eligibility will be under the jurisdiction of the Region XIX Director of Compliance / Standards & Ethics Chair.
2. The Region XIX Team Ladder form is to be forwarded to the tennis chairperson prior to the first match. Subsequent revisions are to be forwarded to the chair with appropriate challenge match documentation on the Region XIX Challenge Match Form.
3. A player may move up or down only one (1) position between played region matches. Violation results in forfeiture of team match by a 9-0 score. (Note: The order of placement within the team of individuals competing in tennis should be according to the current order of ability and merit of the competitors and should not be arranged according to the wishes or desires of a coach or other team representative, and the juggling of line-ups is unethical). In the event of a prior match against an under rostered team, players from a fully rostered team may be moved upward more than one spot and return to prior status for the next match.
4. For regular season Region and GSAC matches, three (3) doubles matches each worth one (1) point shall begin play. These matches will be eight (8) game pro-sets, win by two (2). A 12 point tie breaker will be played at eight (8) all. Six (6) singles matches each worth one (1) point shall round out the match. Singles and doubles matches will use no-ad scoring. All matches are nine (9) point matches. A 10-Point Match Tiebreak may be played in lieu of a 3rd set for in progress matches if both coaches agree and one team has already achieved enough points to win the match (scored 5 or more team points).
5. ITA (NCAA) rules will apply, unless superseded by operating code.
6. Scheduling Protocol
 - o All in region teams will schedule to play each other twice.
 - o No matches will be played the day prior to the Region Tournament.
7. Schedule Conflicts
 - o If any type of scheduling conflict arises, the Tennis Committee in conjunction with the Region Administration will review the problem to determine a solution.
8. Cancellations/Postponements/Rescheduling
 - a) All scheduled matches within your division must be played. Matches outside of your division should, in good faith, be attempted to be rescheduled. If either college closes due to inclement weather, a scheduled match must be postponed. In the event a mutually agreeable make-up date cannot be determined between the participating

Athletic Directors, the match must be played on the next available date when both teams are open and the home facility is available. This includes canceling or rescheduling a non-regional contest to allow a regional match to be played. Failure by one team to adhere to this rule will count as a forfeit for seeding purposes. The region team that was willing to play on this date receives a win for seeding purposes. In the event all avenues have been pursued to the satisfaction of the region director, a “no-contest” shall be declared.

- b) Scheduling priorities when there is no available open date should be:
 - o Region XIX divisional opponents
 - o Region XIX opponents
 - o Other opponents
- c) Any team that drops their program after the start of the season will have all results, including regional and divisional matches, from matches that were played to that point count on overall records only.

9. Warm-up Procedures

Visiting teams will be given ample court space to stretch and loosen up prior to the official match warm-up period. The official match warm-up period will follow the ITA regulations and not exceed 5 minutes, except when the visiting team has not had a minimum of 30 minutes warm-up directly before the start of the team match. In this case, a ten minute warm-up will be permitted. Any match not beginning within one-half hour after the scheduled start shall be forfeited unless extenuating circumstances prevail.

10. Official Game Ball

Three (3) new balls meeting USTA specifications are to be provided for each match by the home team. The color is to be yellow.

11. Event Management

The following items relate to event management for all tennis matches within Region XIX:

- o Host College shall make all arrangements pertaining to the preparation and maintenance of the courts and locker rooms.
- o Water and cups must be provided for both teams.
- o Home team must supply the appropriate number of new tennis balls.

12. Any College fielding a Club Team must follow all NJCAA, NCAA and Region XIX regulations, including; filing an NJCAA Club Form, pay Region dues, report game results to Service Bureau, adhere to uniform rules, follow ejection policies for coaches and players as well as reporting these ejections, follow home game supervision requirements and use game officials under contract with Region XIX.

SECTION B Officials

- 1. Regular season contests will follow the ITA procedures for matches with no official.
- 2. USTA Referee and USTA Officials (when assigned) will conduct the tournament.

SECTION C Reporting of Scores / Card Accumulations

1. Statistics must be entered into the ITA website.

SECTION D Regional Tournament Format

1. The tournament will be scheduled to be concluded at least one (1) week prior to the NJCAA tournament.
2. USTA Referee and USTA Officials (when assigned) will conduct the tournament.
3. ITA rules will be used with deuce ad scoring. All tournament matches shall be the best of two (2) of three (3) sets. Officials will be provided by the host when necessary, as determined by the Tournament Referee. The twelve (12) point tie breaker system will be used throughout the tournament.
4. One (1) point will be awarded for each match. If a player draws a bye, he/she will be awarded a point for the bye only if he/she wins his/her next match. A win by default is awarded one (1) point. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by awarding the higher place to the team that advances the greatest number of flights to the finals.
5. The tournament shall be played by flights for both singles and doubles and there shall be six (6) divisions of singles and three (3) doubles divisions. To be eligible for the team championship, a college must compete in four (4) flights of the first round.
6. Each member college may enter six (6) singles and three (3) doubles teams (the doubles need not be the same players who participate in the singles). If a team enters less than six (6) players in the singles and three (3) teams in the doubles, the players or team will be placed in their regular season flights.
7. To be eligible to play in a specific flight, each player and doubles team must have played a minimum of 50% of his/her team's Region matches in that flight. If the player has played exactly half in one flight and half in another, the player must play in the higher of the two in the tournament. Players that are forced by rule to move within the ladder shall participate in the regular season flight. This rule may be waived by a two thirds vote of the coaches present at the tennis meeting preceding the tournament for cases of injury or limited competition against under rostered teams.

SECTION E Regional Tournament Qualification

1. Entry forms must be in the possession of the Tournament Director the Friday prior to the tournament. Entries must be verified by telephone on Monday of the tournament week.
2. To be eligible to be considered for regional seeding, a team or player must have played at least 50% Region matches in that flight or wins in a higher flight and must have updated statistics in the ITA website (This rule may be waived by two-thirds vote of all coaches present at the tennis seeding meeting preceding the tournament).

SECTION F Regional Tournament Seeding

1. The USTA Referee with the assistance of the Region XIX Tennis Chair, Tournament Director, and coaches and teams entered will seed and draw singles and doubles prior to the opening of the tournament.

2. The tournament draw and seeding will follow USTA recommendations.
3. Region record will be used for seeding. Consideration may be given for non-region contests.
4. In order to be seeded the record of the player or team must be available at the seeding meeting. Players tied with the same number of coaches votes during the seeding meeting will have ties broken in this manner:
 - o Head to head competition
 - o Comparison of match results with other players in that flight starting with the highest seeded player and so on
 - o Coin flip

SECTION G Regional Tournament Entry Fees

1. An entry fee of \$300 per team or \$50 per individual must be paid at the time of the seeding meeting.

SECTION H Regional Tournament Logistics

1. Participating teams shall be responsible for all incurred for housing, travel and meals unless prior arrangements have been made by the host institution.
2. The site of the tournament will be determined by the Championship Events Committee. Institutions wishing to host the tournament should submit a bid to the Championship Events Committee for review. Factors that will be considered by the CEC in choosing a site for the tournament include:
 - o Can indoor courts be provided
 - o Can the tournament be conducted on the property of the host college
 - o Can the college provide at least six (6) courts for tournament play
 - o The men's tournament shall not conflict with the women's national tournament if possible.
3. If a problem occurs on the court, i.e., injury, foot faults, etc. , only the player or players involved shall go to the net and wave their racquets toward the sky. The Tournament Director or Assistant Director should be notified by anyone noticing the racquet waving and a non-participating coach will be appointed to go out to the court and, using their discretion, resolve the difficulty. The Tournament Director will document the number of requests by teams.
4. A draw of coaches for the purpose of resolving the issues listed above, will occur at the seeding meeting, with the first non-participating coach drawn resolving the first on-court problem, etc. Failure of any non-participating coach to adhere to this rule will result in forfeiture of the remainder of all their team's matches. Except for finals, when an umpire is requested, the next available coach (player not involved) must serve as umpire. A coaches rotation will be established at the seeding meeting.
5. The Tournament Director has the power to form a committee to immediately resolve problems.
6. The Tournament Director will notify all participating coaches at the seeding meeting of the tournament rules which will be strictly enforced.

7. Each singles player and each doubles team will supply one (1) USTA approved can of yellow balls. The winner of each match will carry the unopened can of balls forward.
8. The USTA Referee will have the power to enact reasonable rules regarding player conduct and decorum. The ITA point penalty system shall be the approved guide for these rules.

SECTION I Regional Tournament Awards

1. The Regional Office will have the appropriate tournament awards shipped to the host institution. The host institution will receive an invoice from the Regional Director for the awards.
2. Two (2) team trophies for first and second shall be awarded.
3. There will be two (2) single awards for first and second place in each flight.
4. There will be four (4) doubles awards for first and second place in each flight.
5. If a tie score results for any of the top three (3) places, these places shall be shared and duplicate prizes awarded.

SECTION J Regular Season Awards / All-Region Team

1. The coach of the team winning the Region XIX Tennis Tournament will be named Region XIX Coach of the Year.
2. The singles and the doubles finalists will be designated All-Region for each flight (Winner 1st Team and Runner-Up 2nd Team).

SECTION K Code of Conduct

1. All members of teams including players, coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, and spectators will follow the Code of Conduct enforced by the National Junior College Athletic Association throughout all games.

SECTION L NJCAA / Region XIX Ejection Policy

1. An athlete in any contest involving a Region XIX college who is ejected for violent conduct or fighting shall not be allowed to participate in the next two played contests as determined by the schedule of that institution. Ejections are for both singles and doubles matches. If this ejection occurs in the last contest of a given season, the suspension shall be in effect for the first regular game of the player's next season.
2. Players and coaches will be ejected for the following:
 - o Vulgar language
 - o Tobacco products / smoking
 - o Dress Code violations
3. If a player or coach is ejected, an ejection report must be filed with the Region Director.

SECTION M Health and Safety

1. In regard to an open wound, under circumstances when constant or profuse bleeding occurs, the participant shall be immediately removed from that contest by the coach or official and cannot return until the bleeding has stopped.
2. The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official, or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sanctioned or sponsored regular season or post season play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.

SECTION N Region XIX Divisional Breakdown

Men's Tennis DIII

- ✓ Bergen
- ✓ Brookdale
- ✓ County College of Morris
- ✓ Gloucester
- ✓ Mercer
- ✓ Ocean
- ✓ Williamson Trade

Women's Division III

- ✓ Brookdale
- ✓ Gloucester
- ✓ Mercer
- ✓ Ocean