

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO NOTE FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT

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1. The choice of sides and service is decided by spinning a racquet, and this should be done prior to the warm-up. If you win the toss and decide to serve, then your opponent has the choice of sides. If you win the toss and choose the side, your opponent may select whether or not she/he wishes to serve first.
2. Warm-up: There will be a 5-10 minute warm-up for all matches. Practice serves are to be taken before the match begins.
3. **After a split set, either player is entitled to a rest which shall not exceed 10 minutes. (No play during the 10 minute break.)**
4. For ALL changeovers, a maximum of 90 seconds is allowed for rest. It also calls for a “set break” of 2 minutes after the completion of the first set, regardless of the score. Players return to the same side of the court if the set score was even (e.g., 6-4) and change ends if the set score is odd (e.g., 6-3). Coaches may talk to their players during a change of ends. However, coaches must remain on the outside of the court.
5. Serve: The rules of continuous play apply. The maximum time from the end of the last point to the striking of the ball by the server is 20 seconds. (Normal pace is 10-12 seconds from the end of the last point to the next serve.) The receiver is expected to play to the “reasonable pace of the server”. The receiver cannot turn his/her back to the server but must take a “ready” position when the server is in position to serve.
6. Rule 25 of the Rules of Tennis states: “In case a player is hindered in making a stroke by anything not within his/her control except a permanent fixture of the court, the point shall be replayed.”  
When play is stopped because of interference from another court, the complete point is played over if, and only if, it is called immediately by the player. (Must be called before player plays the shot.) Call point over.  
Case Situation: Ball rolls into opponents court during second serve. Opponent calls point over. Server’s first serve was a fault. Has she/he the right to two services?  
Decision: Yes, as the ball was in play, the point, not merely the stroke, must be replayed as the rule provides.
7. In all matches it is the responsibility of the server to announce in a voice audible to his/her opponent and spectators, the set score at the beginning of each game and point scores as the game goes on. Failure to do so will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
8. Don’t leave the court until play has stopped on the court being crossed.
9. All calls will be made by the player on the side of the net where the call occurs. It is the player’s responsibility to call all balls - in or out - in their own court. If the point is in doubt, give it to the opponent. Players should not look to anyone else to help call the lines. The best rule to adopt is: If a player cannot see the opponent’s shot well enough to be sure it was out, you have to assume it was good. It is the opponent’s point if a player touches the ball before it lands, even if it is obviously going to be out.
10. It is the responsibility of all players and coaches to check the playing schedule. All matches will be assigned.  
If rain alters the schedule, it is the responsibility of the player and coach to check the new schedule.
11. Only players and certified officials will be allowed in the court area.
12. New balls will be given on split sets. Players are to keep the tennis balls after completion of each match.
13. Both players must report score and check for next match time and location.
14. An injury/medical time-out may not exceed 3 minutes. Evaluation prior to treatment is allowed. A player may request another medical time-out for a different medical condition. Only one time-out is permitted for heat related cramping.