

## WPIAL BOYS TEAM TENNIS GUIDELINES 2016-17

7. In an effort to foster fair play and integrity among all concerned, the WPIAL is requiring submission of a **team tennis strength roster by 12 noon on April 20, the date of the first boys tennis section match**. Each member school sponsoring boys' team tennis must fax (412)-921-4689 or e-mail to the League Office ([jkramer@wpial.com](mailto:jkramer@wpial.com)) a rank order of their players based on ability from strongest to weakest using the attached initial team strength roster form. **Please review the strength roster directions carefully as all team matches must be conducted per the directions. Failure to follow the directions will result in match(s) being forfeited.**
2. **A written match line-up and team strength roster must be presented to the opponent head coach for review prior to the start of the match.** Once **THE WRITTEN LINE-UP** has been presented, the same players must play at those positions. It is recommended that the match line-up form be used in preparing the match line-up. It is a separate attachment.
3. All contestants are required to wear school issued tennis attire (school issued tennis shirt/shorts, tennis skirt or tennis dress, tennis hats or visor). While hats or visors are not required, players who select to use them must wear school issued hats or visors with school colors and/or logo. No advertisements other than a 2"x2" logo are permitted. No exceptions are permitted. The use of tape on a cap for the purpose of covering a logo/trademark which does not meet the specifications described herein is prohibited. Sweaters, jackets, and/or warm-ups will be permitted when necessitated by weather conditions. Contestants, who wear inappropriate attire, as determined by the tournament director, are subject to removal. In team competition, all contestants must wear the identical school issued attire to be eligible for competition.
4. In team competition, a maximum ten (10) minute warm up period, including serves, will be permitted prior to the start of the match.
5. Coaching is permitted only during the ninety- second changeover in dual match competition. In individual tournament play coaching is only permitted between sets. In a ten (10) game pro-set, coaching is permitted for a maximum of two (2) minutes once a player wins five (5) games. Only school approved coaches may coach competitors in dual match competition. In individual tournament play, only the school-approved head coach may coach each competitor. Coaches are not permitted on the court during allotted coaching times.
6. The required order of competition for each match will be first, second, and third singles followed by first and second doubles. Any exception to the order of competition must be mutually agreed upon by both head coaches.
7. Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy from all participants and spectators. Proper etiquette for interscholastic tennis competition will be required from players, coaches, and spectators. All players will be subject to the USTA Point Penalty System as modified by the PIAA for unsportsmanlike conduct. Coaches and spectators who interfere with or are engaged in disruptive behavior will be removed from the playing/viewing area by the match or tournament manager.