



## TENNIS - BOYS

### ARTICLE I GOVERNING RULES

**SECTION 1** The current edition of the UTSA guide shall be the official rulebook for the league matches. **(An exception will be the 3-point penalty system, Art V, Sec 3, 3.3)**

### ARTICLE II CLASSIFICATIONS

**SECTION 1** Competition is authorized at the Varsity and Frosh-Soph levels. A coach must first field a Varsity team before fielding a Frosh-Soph Team.

**1.1** If a school does not play a Varsity match, they must forfeit the F/S match, but play the match

**SECTION 2** Players rank will be determined as a singles and doubles ladder. Coaches will rank players according to current ability.

**2.1** In both divisions at both levels there shall be four (4) singles and three (3) doubles.

**2.2** Classifications will change according to most recent results of challenge matches. All challenge matches must be a minimum of an (8) game pro set.

**2.3** The best doubles team shall be ranked number one.

**2.4** If one singles competitor is absent on the day of the match, his replacement does not have to be a member of a doubles team.

**2.5** In both leagues singles spot 1-3 may not be forfeited. If a player who normally plays in singles position 1 through 4 is absent on the day of the match that position must be filled by the next player on the ladder, with every singles player below moving up one position.

Doubles teams do not have to be broken up to fill an open singles spot. Number four singles may be forfeited if the team only carries nine (9) players.

### ARTICLE III PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS

**SECTION 1** Game limitation is twenty-two (22) matches plus two (2) scrimmages. (A scrimmage is a contest with NO RECORD of the event). Tournaments count as the number of matches guaranteed (check with CCS), with the exception of single elimination tournaments. If a team loses in the first round of a single elimination tournament, that team is credited with one (1) match played.

**SECTION 2** Rained out matches or matches that cannot be completed because of the onset of darkness shall be re-played within ten (10) days when possible.

**2.1** Unfinished sets of individual matches shall be played from the point at which they stopped.

**2.2** Once rosters have been exchanged, line-ups are cemented. Should rain delay a match in its entirety before any points have been played, then new line-ups may be used on the new date of play.

**2.3** If two teams do not play a league match, both teams record the match as a loss.

**SECTION 3** Tuesday and Thursday are the preferred days of the week for league matches so players and teams will be free to enter tournaments on weekends.

**SECTION 4** There shall be a double round-robin league schedule for Varsity & F/S teams when there are seven (7) or fewer teams in the league?

## **ARTICLE IV** **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

**SECTION 1** Once a player plays in four (4) varsity league matches, they're considered a varsity player.

**1.1** In both leagues, all coaches must submit a ladder of their top 3 singles players. These players are not allowed to play doubles, unless they are challenged and removed from the singles line-up. Injured singles players may not play doubles. Penalty will result in forfeiture of first match and so on until coach complies.

**SECTION 2** **Juniors ARE NOT** allowed on the Frosh-Soph team in either division.

**SECTION 3** A player shall not compete in both singles and doubles during a dual meet or in the league tournament.

**SECTION 4** In order for a player to be eligible for SCVAL, CCS, & NorCal Championships, the player must have attended or have played in at least six (6) league matches. (See SCVAL Constitution for further hardship rulings)

## **ARTICLE V** **MATCH MANAGEMENT**

**SECTION 1** Starting times: All league matches will begin promptly at 4:00 depending on court availability. Special circumstances (limited courts or rented courts) shall be discussed at the opening-of-season meeting and printed in the minutes of that meeting.

**SECTION 2** All warm-ups shall not exceed ten (10) minutes including service warm-ups.

**SECTION 3** Both coaches shall officiate. (Only one (1) coach allowed to coach per match.)

**3.1** The home coach shall greet all players, explain the home court rules, and assign players to court for matches.

**3.2** Foot fault and conduct violations shall be called to the attention of both coaches.

**3.3** Coaches shall mutually enforce USTA warnings and penalties and are responsible for their administration. The point penalty system 1) Warning 2) Loss of point and 3) Loss of match will be enforced for inappropriate behavior on the court.

**3.4 Coaching is not restricted as long as it doesn't interfere with the flow of the match.**

**Coaching can occur anywhere as long as it is agreeable to both coaches.**

**3.5** Coaches are to remind the players that there is to be no coaching from spectators during any match in progress. Coaches shall make sure that type of coaching does not occur during the match.

**3.6** The point penalty system will be called on the player/ players of a team if a parent or another member of the team interferes (coaching, questioning calls, scoring, etc.)

**3.7** All players must be outfitted for all league matches in **matching** team uniform/colors (shirt & shorts). Failure to meet this requirement will result in the forfeiture of individual matches where the rule applies.

**3.8 In the event of a referee being called: 1 player from each team will stand at the same net pole and make the call if asked. If the refs disagree, the original call will stand**

- SECTION 4** Play shall commence according to ranking on the ladder. Coaches, 10 minutes prior to introductions, will exchange line-ups. Any change of match order shall be made by mutual agreement of coaches. Each coach must carry copies of results of previous league matches and the league by-laws. The results must be made available to opposing coach upon request. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of affected line-up positions. Disputes must be resolved before introductions are made.
- SECTION 5** Home coach will keep courts adjacent to matches vacant of all bodies until the match is completed.
- SECTION 6** Players shall not leave the court during the match except:
- 6.1** For a five (5) Minute rest between the second and third sets.
  - 6.2** For an emergency i.e. illness, injury (the need for water is not an emergency)
  - 6.3** Warnings about leaving courts will be given in the pre match instruction. The point penalty system will be used for infractions—**warning** for first infraction; **one point** for second infraction; **match** for third infraction. Leaving a court for water or racquet replacements is considered infractions. Coaches are expected to plan ahead for these problems.
- SECTION 7** Individual matches shall be automatically defaulted in the event of injury or illness incurred during a match. Players, in the case of a contact injury, have three (3) minutes to resume play. Otherwise play in continuous. A player is allowed only one (1) injury timeout per match.
- SECTION 8** Coaches must be present at all matches and at the league tournament. Players may not be placed on the courts until an authorized school official is present.
- SECTION 9** The Varsity and FS teams will play at opposite sites.
- SECTION 10** Each varsity and FS match will be the best of two (2) out of three (3) sets. Regular scoring will be used for both divisions. A twelve (12) point tiebreaker (first one to 7 by 2) will be played at six all in all matches. In Varsity and F/S matches a third set will be a super tie-breaker (first to 10 by 2) and ALL third sets will be played if a split occurs in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sets.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP – CCS REPRESENTATION**

- SECTION 1** The 1st place winner of league from each division (De Anza and EL Camino) will represent the league in the team division for CCS.
- 1.1** In the case of a tie for the 1st place at the Varsity level, the teams shall be considered Co-Champions. If the two teams split head to head during a regular season, a Champion will be determined set scores, then game score. If no Champion is determined by this method, the record against the highest finishing team in rank order will be used.
- 1.2** In case of a tie for the 1st place at the FS level, the teams involved will be considered Co-Champions.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT**

- SECTION 1** A league tournament will be played to determine the individual champions to advance to the CCS singles and doubles tournament.
- SECTION 2** Each school shall submit two (2) singles and two (2) doubles to the Varsity tournament
- 2.1** Regular scoring will be used for all tournament matches (see Article V section10).
- SECTION 3** The starting time for the league tournament shall be 3:00 p.m. with introductions and court assignments starting at 2:45p.m.
- SECTION 4** The league of champions of each De Anza and El Camino Divisions will represent the SCVAL in the CCS Tournament. All tournament players in both divisions will be given first consideration for at-league nomination to the CCS event. Priority will be determined by the coaches involved and must be in the best interests of the SCVAL. (NCTA rankings are used to determine at-large positions in the draw).
- SECTION 5** Each school shall furnish (8) eight cans (four to each site) of UTSA approved championship tennis balls to cover the Varsity and Junior Varsity Competition.
- Section 6** All League certificates will be awarded to the top (4) singles and top (4) doubles teams

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**TENNIS CHAIRPERSON**

- SECTION 1** The chairperson shall be chosen by the league coaches.
- SECTION 2** The chairperson is automatically the representative to the CCS Tennis committee for a minimum term of three (3) years.
- SECTION 3** The ADC chairperson and coaches of the committee are responsible for the by-law revisions submitted to the Athletic Directors Council in May. By-Laws revisions are proposed by majority vote of coaches at the end of the season meeting.

- SECTION 4** The ADC chairperson will call a pre-season and post-season meeting, and notify the athletic directors and commissioner of the meetings.
- SECTION 5** Team placement in division will be reviewed and decided by coaches present at the end-of-the-season meeting. If a majority decision of coaches cannot be made by those present after considering the best interests of the teams, the winner of the El Camino Division will automatically be moved into the De Anza division and the last place team in the De Anza Division will become an El Camino representative for the following year. Schools will be required to play the designated division at both varsity and FS levels.
- SECTION 6** The ADC Liaison will make up the next year's schedule and will rotate the schedule each year. No team will be expected to play a match during the spring vacation week designated by its district barring unforeseen circumstances.