

Mercer County 2011 **Boys' Tennis Tournament**

Please distribute this information to your coaches for the MCT Boys' Tennis Tournament

- MCT Boys Tennis Dates: Monday, April 25, Wednesday, April 27

Rain dates: Tuesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 28

- The Seeding Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at Hopewell Valley Central High School in Room 114 at 7pm. A Board Approved Coach/Assistant Coach must be present at the meeting.
- The Cut-Off date for all matches is Wednesday April 20th. Matches played on Wednesday April 20th will be considered at the seeding meeting.
- If matches are completed by 12:00 Thursday, please fax entry forms to 609-737-2947.
- All participating schools must submit their challenge sheet that is required by the NJSIAA. Schools MUST complete their entry form prior to the seeding meeting. Flights cannot be left blank.
- In an effort to have all the athletes names spelled correctly, please do not hand-write the names. If possible, please complete the form on a computer.
- Mercer County Park is requesting that ALL schools provide a copy of the Certificate of Insurance. A copy MUST be collected at the seeding meeting regardless if the park has already has one on file.

2011 Mercer County Boys' Tennis Tournament

All NJSIAA Rules and Regulations will apply to the Mercer County Tennis Tournament

All matches for the Girls' Mercer County Tennis Tournament will be held at
Mercer County Park Tennis Center.

Schedule:

Monday, April 25th	8:30-5:00 pm Arrive by 8:15 am 1 st Round back draw Quarterfinals Main draw 20 Courts (2 Rounds)
Tuesday, April 26 th	Rain Date (Same Time)
Wednesday, April 27th	8:30-5:00 pm Arrive by 8:15 am Semi-Finals main draw Semi-Finals back draw Finals back draw 20 Courts
Thursday, April 28 th	Rain Date (Same Time)

Cutoff Date: Includes all matches up to and including Wednesday April 20th, 2011.

Seeding:

The seeding meeting will be held at Hopewell Valley Central High School on Wednesday Sept. 16th at 7:00 pm in Room 114. A coach or a school representative from each school must be in attendance, regardless of team record. In addition, a **CHALLENGE MATCH FORM** must be submitted to the tournament director at the seeding meeting or faxed with the entry form. Individual records will be considered. Four seeds will be picked for each flight with a fifth seed when necessary. The tournament committee will resolve any disputes.

Each team must supply seven (7) cans of USTA approved tennis balls. Please bring these to the seeding meeting or present to the tournament director upon arriving on April 20th.

Format:

The tournament will consist of three singles and two doubles flights to be played in order from first singles to second doubles. Players and coaches are to report to the scorekeeping table at the tennis center for their court times and assignments.

Match Play:

The tournament will be played best of three sets. Conventional scoring. At 6-6, a twelve-point tiebreaker wins by two. The semis and the finals will also be the best of three conventional sets, with a tiebreaker use at 6-all, in all three sets.

Uniforms:

Players must wear appropriate tennis attire. **SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE MANDATORY.** A player not wearing an appropriate uniform may not participate.

Warm-up Period:

There will be a maximum warm-up period of ten (10) minutes, including practice serves, which must be taken prior to the start of the match.

Injury:

Defined in the USTA regulations as occurring from such mishaps as collision with a stationary object, i.e. net, post, fence, etc or being hit with a ball or racquet or other object or a fall. Cramping, vomiting, dizziness blisters or other similar treatable conditions are considered injuries.

Only one time-out is permitted for the same injury or for cramping. The injured player will have no more than ten (10) minutes before play is resumed or a default declared.

Use of Officials:

It is imperative to the games that players be coached to call the lines honestly and to make any call that is in doubt in favor of their opponent.

Occasionally, situations will arise where a need for a linesman occur. The player recognizing the need should inform his coach immediately. The coach in turn should contact the opposing coach and together they should inform the players that they will act as observers to establish that calls are either proper or improper.

The coaches will go inside the fence and stand close enough to observe the entire court. The players will continue to make their own calls. If a player feels a bad call has been made, he/she may appeal to the coaches. If the appeal is upheld, the player making the bad call will lose that point. If the ball is so close that a question exists as to whether it was good or not the call shall stand.

If a mutually agreeable third party is present (director of the tournament), he/she may become the linesman. This is a situation that is not in the best interest of the sport or its players and every attempt, including withdrawal of an offending player, by his coach, should be made to avoid it.

Calling of Foot faults:

If a player is foot faulting, his/her opponent should warn him/her and notify his/her coach. If it continues both coaches will act as foot-fault judges. They will position themselves where they can see the baseline and call foot-faults. Foot-faults, when called, must be called for or against all players involved.

Reminders for Coaches and Players

1. We are guests at the park and to pick up ALL garbage before the day ends.
2. ALL cell phones must be turned off.
3. No one, players or not, can hit at open courts at any time.
4. Warm-ups are 5 MINUTES, not 10 min. Due to the new format; we must get started as quickly as possible.
5. Players must wear SCHOOL UNIFORM.
6. Players must communicate and call out the score. Players must also call balls out and in. If it's on the line, it's in. Remind them to get in the habit of communicating immediately.
7. When teams are called, the first school called gets the scorecards; the 2nd school gets the balls. If there is a 3rd set, remind the players that they get an extra can of balls.
8. Scores must be reported immediately following the match so we can get the next match started. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** If they take their time scores, this will delay the day.
9. Ask players to stick around the table and to be prepared when called to play. You do not have time to be chasing players down.
10. An athletic trainer, Barb Fricia, will be there most of the day. Brian Irwin the Athletic Director from Allentown, who is also a trainer, will be there as well.

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