

2023 MPA TENNIS BULLETIN

5/2/23

TENNIS SEASON DATES:

Monday, March 27, 2023 - First Practice

Thursday, April 13, 2023 – Team Schedules Due

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - First Countable Match

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - Singles Entry Due Date (\$35 Late Fee) | Form: [Singles Entry Form](#)

Be aware of Default Fee! A \$10 fee will be assessed per player substituted or withdrawn after Friday, April 28)

Please note for scheduling purposes:

- **AP Exams will be on May 1-5 and May 8-12**
- **SAT Exams will be on May 6 (Singles Qualifier) and June 3 (North Regional)**
- **ACT Exams will be on April 15 and June 10**

Some of these dates will be in direct conflict with potential regular season scheduling, with MPA sponsored Individual and Team Championship events, and end-of-year Graduation activities. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!!!

Friday, April 28, 2023 – All singles forms in the hands of the Directors. No phoned, faxed, or emailed substitutions will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. on this date. (\$10 substitution/withdrawal fee per player applies.) Any changes after this date must be made in person at the seeding meeting by the school's coach or school representative.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - Singles Regional Qualifying Seeding Meeting – The school coach (only if in attendance) may make a substitution at this seeding meeting. *Once the draw is finalized no substitutions will be allowed. Coaches should not bring substitute singles players to the qualifying site as they will not be allowed to participate.

Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Regional Singles Qualifying Round at Regional Sites **(SAT Conflict)**

Friday, May 19, 2023 – MPA Singles Championships ... Round of 52 and Round of 32 at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center). If postponed due to weather Apex Racket and Fitness, Portland.

Saturday, May 20, 2023 – Round of 16 and Quarterfinals at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

Monday, May 22, 2023 – Singles Semifinals/Finals at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

Monday, May 22 – 26, 2023 – Online Team Tennis Sportsmanship Voting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023– Last countable date for Team Tennis

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – Make-up date for Team Tennis matches postponed on May 24 only.

Thursday, May 25, 2023 – Finalize Heal Points and Set Tournament Brackets

Friday, May 26, 2023 – Regional Team Prelims at Higher Seed (must be completed by May 29).

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – Regional Team Quarterfinals at Higher Seed – Matches may be played on Monday, May 29, 2023, by mutual agreement.

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – Regional Team Semifinals @ Higher Seed – Matches may be played on Wednesday, May 31 by mutual agreement (schools should plan for an indoor option in case of inclement weather).

Saturday, June 3, 2023 – North Regional Team Finals at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

Make-up is Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023 – South Regional Team Finals at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

Make-up is Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – State Team Championship at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

Make-up date is Thursday, June 8, 2023. If extended beyond June 8 the State Championship will be played on Saturday, June 10 at South Portland High School.

***Due to the ever-increasing costs of sponsoring our high school tennis tournaments, the MPA now requires each member school to pay a \$100 fee (\$50 if the school sponsors tennis for only one gender) for participation in MPA sponsored team and singles play. This fee covers participation in all MPA sponsored team and singles play, including the entry for up to three male and three female participants in the MPA Singles Championship competition. For schools sponsoring cooperative individuals participating in the State Singles Championships, the fee will be \$20 per player. The tennis season entry fee for schools competing in the MPA Singles and/or Team Tournament Championships will be invoiced by the MPA after the submission of the Singles Tournament Entry Form, which is due on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.**

Coaches' Eligibility

*Each coach must complete the NFHS "*Concussion in Sport*" video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com).

*Each coach must complete the NFHS "*A Guide to Heat Illness*" video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com).

*Each coach must complete the NFHS "*Sudden Cardiac Arrest*" video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com).

***Recommends that each coach must complete the NFHS "*Protecting Students from Abuse*" video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com). This will be required in 2023-2024.**

Maine High School Universal Tennis Ratings (UTR) Webinar

The **Maine Principal's Association** is strongly encouraging all tennis schools to get activated on Universal Tennis (UTR). Universal Tennis can provide our state with accurate singles, doubles, and team ratings. UTR is also the gold standard of college recruiting. This is all at no cost to our schools.

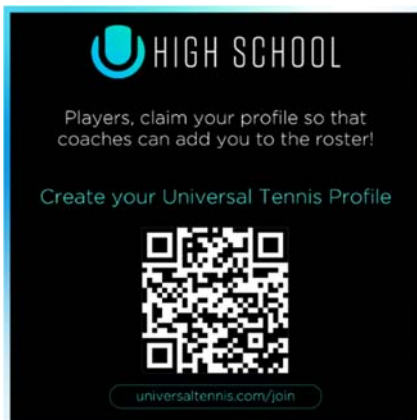
We are strongly encouraging all tennis schools to do the following:

Step 1 – [Click this link to activate your team page](#). **Maine High School** teams are available to be claimed on Universal Tennis for FREE.

Step 2 – Once your school is activated, please enter your current rosters into Universal Tennis. Enter all freshman, junior varsity, and varsity players.

- If a player is not registered on Universal Tennis, they need to create their free player profile. There is a QR code attached that makes it simple and easy to get your players registered on Universal Tennis. Have players scan the QR code at the beginning of practice to create their free profile, or just have them go to <https://app.universaltennis.com/join> to register. Players can also be invited to the team roster via email (details in the packet attached).

QR Code for High School Players:



On Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00pm, Waterville High School tennis coach and MPA coaches representative Devin Lachapelle will be hosting a brief preseason meeting to go over the basics of creating a UTR account, activating a team profile, adding players to a team roster, and entering verified scores as UTR has been updated to be a significant seeding criterion for the state singles tournament in the upcoming season. Any other UTR-related questions that come up will also be addressed.

In addition, the meeting will serve as an opportunity for coaches, especially new coaches, to ask questions about general rules, team format, the singles tournament, etc.

If you're interested in attending the meeting, you can do so virtually through Google Meet using [this link](#) or in person at the Kennebec Valley Tennis Association indoor tennis facility in Augusta. If you plan to attend in person, please email Devin at DeLachapelle@aos92.org to let him know. The facility is located at 23 Leighton Rd #2, Augusta, ME 04330.

If you are unable to attend but have a question about the high school tennis season, UTR or otherwise, feel free to email Devin at the email listed above. Videos going over how to set up and use UTR are also included at: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzaAYkZuS7i_wD-BNQXFbiPSzZNXWo2vV

Important Reminders

1. A maximum of 12 regular season team matches and the minimum number of countable matches is 8.
2. All matches are the best two of three tie break sets unless **BOTH COACHES** agree to another format before play starts.
3. Matches must be completed - there are **NO** Provisions for protests. Final rulings rest with the **Home Administrator** in case of disputes. It is important to follow all rules and regulations provided in the MPA Tennis Bulletin and Rulebook. If match issues arise, please contact the MPA Office, MPA Reps, or MPA Tournament Directors as listed in the MPA bulletin. If a match continues to completion the final result will stand.
4. It is expected that all players will be dressed in matching school issued uniforms and all coaches are expected to enforce this mandate. Transgressions should be reported to the offending school's athletic administrator or principal. Players may wear warm-up gear over the required uniform if weather dictates. (see **Team Tournament Uniform** heading for the description of uniform requirements).

4. Once the coaches swap or introduce their line-ups no substitutions can be made unless the match is already decided. *This regulation remains in effect if a match has begun and is postponed or interrupted for any reason.*
5. USTA rule books may be purchased from USTA PUBLICATIONS, 70 WEST RED OAK LANE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10604.
6. Regular Season Team Matches may end in a tie as in many other MPA Heal Point regulated team sports. However, All Team Tournament matches that end in a tie due to insufficient numbers of players must be resolved as follows: *Tie-breaker Format 1.) Total sets won, 2.) Total games won, 3.) Total sets in the singles matches won.*
7. It is suggested that coaches sign each other's scorebooks before leaving matches in order to verify team and individual results!
8. Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the regional qualifying seeding meetings prior to the start of the State Singles Championships to provide valuable and accurate information to help establish the correct seeding order and draw for all participating players. Coaches who choose not to attend should never be critical of the process or its outcome. It is important to get seedings correct at the regional meeting as that information helps establish player positioning for the entire singles championship. There will not be an additional seeding meeting for the round of 52.
9. Coaches must maintain an accurate ladder for all singles players and doubles teams. The coach may need to make his/her ladder results available to an opposing coach upon request.
10. Coaches must review all regular season and team tournament match hosting suggestions that are included in the MPA Tennis Bulletin and the MPA Tennis Rule Book.
11. Coaches should also review the Code of Ethics for Secondary School Activities provided in the MPA Tennis Rule Book.
12. There will be no ball striking or unauthorized tennis type warm-up activities during or immediately upon conclusion of the prescribed break periods. In the event of unforeseen circumstances that serve to significantly extend the prescribed breaks, a short warm-up period may be granted if approved by both opposing coaches.

APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO PLAYER ABSENCES

Over the years, there have been numerous transgressions of the rules dealing with substitutions due to player absence. Many, but not all, of these transgressions have been deemed unintentional by opposing coaches and the MPA Tennis Committee.

The following guidelines have been established to help clarify appropriate options to deal with player absence(s):

A. Teams that will not have a full seven-player team throughout the entire season:

1. The three most highly ranked players on the singles challenge ladder must play singles throughout the season. The #1 player must be better than the #2 player, and the #2 player must be better than the #3 player. 2. If a doubles match can be played, it must be at the #1 doubles position!

B. When a full complement of seven players is available but a regular player in the top seven is missing on a match day:

1. If the missing team member is a singles player, the coach may (1) break up one or both of the doubles teams and play the eighth ranked player on one of the doubles teams, or (2) play the eighth ranked player as the #3 singles.
2. If the missing team member is a doubles player, any doubles adjustment made by the coach is permissible.
3. In both 1. and 2. above, the #1 doubles team must be stronger than the #2 team.

C. When fewer than seven players are available for a specific match:

1. Six players available: default #3 singles or #2 doubles (depending on whether a singles player or a doubles player is absent),
2. Five players available: default #2 doubles,
3. Four players available: default both doubles or #3 singles and #2 doubles, (depending on the combination of singles players and doubles players absent),
4. Three players available: default both doubles,
5. Fewer than three players available: default the match.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The safety of athletes (*participants*), spectators, coaches/directors, school personnel, and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern to the contest officials and building administrators.

1. When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist, or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:
 - a. Prior to beginning an athletic contest, when severe weather is anticipated, the head contest official and the principals of each school, or their designees, will meet to review the suspension and/or postponement procedures. This would include any playing rule book coverage.
 - b. The host school administrator will be responsible for informing contest officials, visiting school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements of designated shelter areas.
 - c. When lightning is observed, or thunder is heard in the vicinity of a contest conducted outdoors, play should be suspended.
 - d. If any other life-threatening condition occurs, play should be suspended immediately, and predetermined directions to safe locations will be announced.
2. When a suspension of a contest occurs, the following should be considered:
 - a. If the suspension is forty-five minutes or greater, resuming later should be considered, unless deemed a countable game (per NFHS rules of the first half of the game being completed).
 - b. Play shall not be resumed until **30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or clap of thunder**.**
 - c. When it appears that weather conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of participants, spectators, or contest officials, administrators from all schools involved will meet with the head contest official to determine if play will continue.
 - d. If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a fifteen-minute warm-up period prior to competition.
3. If evacuation is necessary, the following should be considered:
 - a. If lighting is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators should evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced.
 - b. All personnel, athletes and spectators should be clearly informed of available safe structures or shelters in the event a thunderstorm approaches. A list of the closest safe structures should be

announced. The person in authority must be aware of the amount of time it takes to get to each structure and the number of persons each structure can safely hold. For large events, time needed for evacuation is increased and there must be a method (i.e., announcement over loudspeaker) for communicating the need for evacuation and directing both athletes and spectators to the appropriate safe shelters.

- c. The most ideal structure is a fully enclosed, substantial building with plumbing, electrical wiring and telephone service, which aids in grounding the structure. A fully enclosed automobile with a hard metal roof and rolled up windows is also a reasonable choice. School buses are an excellent lightning shelter that can be utilized for large groups of people. However, it is important to avoid contact with any metal while inside the vehicle.

Avoid using shower facilities for safe shelter and do not use showers or plumbing facilities during a thunderstorm as the current from a local lightning strike can enter the building via the plumbing pipelines or electrical connections. It is also considered unsafe to stand near utilities, use corded telephones or headsets during a thunderstorm, due to the danger of electrical current traveling through the telephone line. Cellular and cordless telephones are considered reasonably safe and can be used to summon help during a thunderstorm.

When caught in a thunderstorm without availability or time to reach safe structures, you can minimize the risk of lightning-related injury by following a few basic guidelines:

- Avoid being the highest object. Seek a thick grove of small trees or bushes surrounded by taller trees or a dry ditch.
- Avoid contact with anything that would be attractive to lightning. Stay away from freestanding trees, poles, antennas, towers, bleachers, baseball dugouts, metal fences, standing pools of water, and golf carts.
- Crouch down with legs together, the weight on the balls of the feet, arms wrapped around knees, and head down with ears covered.

SINGLES TOURNAMENT

PROCEDURES FOR STATE SINGLES PLAY

The state singles individual player entry forms are due on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. A late fee of \$35 will be assessed for forms not received by the due date. **All player withdrawals and or substitutions after 3 PM on Friday, April 28, 2023 will result in an extra \$10 per change penalty.**

At the singles qualifying sites, each entrant must bring one unopened can of yellow USTA sanctioned to the matches. The winner of each individual match keeps the unopened can for his/her next match, while the loser keeps the tennis balls used for their match.

Each school is permitted a maximum of **three girl** and **three boy** representatives in the MPA State Singles Qualifying Tournament. See the possibility of additional players on page 8 of the Bulletin.

Substitutions **will not** be permitted once the draw is finalized at the regional qualifying seeding meeting. **Fines will only apply to the original scheduled qualifying play date.**

Schools are reminded that it is not a requirement to enter individuals in the MPA singles tournament. However, once a player is officially drawn to a line on the qualifying and/or

state championship singles draw sheet, he or she becomes an official entry. There will be a default fee assessed to the school for each entered player who does not participate in the singles tournament after being assigned to a line on the draw-sheet.

Coaches should not bring substitute singles players to the qualifying site as they will not be allowed to play! (Teammates are certainly welcome in a support capacity)

The default fee schedule is as follows: The fee for a default in the qualifying round is \$50. The fee structure increases to \$75 for a default on the first day of the MPA Singles Championships and \$100 for a default on the second day of the championship. The default fee for the final day is \$125.

Seeding at the qualifying level is designed to recognize the top tennis players in a given draw, regardless of team, conference, section, or regional affiliation. Coaches should bring seeding documentation, including all match results to this meeting.

It is **unethical** for a coach to unduly promote his/her player for purposes of seeding. A form entitled “MPA Tennis State Singles Seeding Fact Sheet” is included in the MPA Rulebook to help facilitate the dispensing of player information at the regional seeding meeting.

Seeding Criteria

(In rank order and applicable throughout the entire MPA Singles Tournament, including the Qualifying Round and the MPA Singles Championships):

- ☐ Results of matches in the current MPA Tennis Season (Heal Point counting), including head-to-head matches between elite players who may be considered for seeding.
- ☐ Progression in the previous year’s MPA Singles Championships including head-to-head matches that may clarify the seeding of players.
- ☐ **Local, sectional, and national rankings, including UTR level.**
- ☐ Should the seeding of players not be clearly defined by A and B above, the following criteria will be used (also in rank order):
 - ☐ Head-to-head results of non-Heal Point counting matches in the current tennis season.
 - ☐ Head-to-head results from previous MPA seasonal and tournament matches.
 - ☐ Documented head-to-head results in non-MPA junior and adult tournament play.
 - ☐ Close losses against higher rated players and comparative results against common opponents.

Construction of the Draw—State Singles Qualifying Tournaments:

A. Players will be seeded numerically, equal to the number of qualifying spots allotted to that region:

- Region 1 – 5 qualifiers
- Region 2 – 12 qualifiers
- Region 3 – 9 qualifiers
- Region 4 – 8 qualifiers
- Region 5 – 18 qualifiers

B. Play at the qualifying level will end when the designated number of qualifiers in a region have been determined. **(Do not play down to a sectional champion.)**

C. In the construction of the qualifying draws, only these two factors will be considered:

1. Numerically seeded players must not meet
2. Teammates must not meet

D. In constructing the draw, the tournament director/tournament committee must work backward starting with the number of qualifiers from that region.

Example: Region 2 —57 entries; twelve qualifiers.

Work backward from 12 qualifiers to 24 players to 48 players.

Play nine preliminary round matches to reduce the field to the ideal size of 48. Then play two complete rounds to determine the twelve qualifiers.

E. Except for the final round of qualifying play, an eight game pro-set (with a Twelve-point tiebreaker at eight games) will be used.

F. The final round of qualifying play will be the best two of three tie-break sets.

The Qualifying Site Director must:

- ☐ Provide the opportunity for a reseeding meeting at the conclusion of that day's play using a committee of site coaches as arbitrators.
- ☐ Immediately send the following information to the appropriate MPA officials (Stamped envelopes will be provided):
 1. The individual player information form as completed by each qualifier.
 2. A complete listing of withdrawn/defaulting players (and their schools) from that region.
 3. The results of the reseeding meeting if any changes in rank order are made.
 4. A copy of the qualifying tournament draw sheet.

THERE WILL NOT BE A FORMAL SEEDING MEETING FOR THE ROUND OF 52.

ROUND OF 52 DRAW PROCEDURE

1. The players qualifying for the round of 52 in the singles tournament will be seeded by the director, after consulting with the regional site directors, experienced coaches and Athletic Administrators as well as knowledgeable tennis professionals in various areas of the state. Hopefully this cross-section of opinions will permit us to establish the fairest and most accurate seedings possible.

2. The draw for the boys' and girls' round of 52 championship singles tournament will be developed with the following guidelines:

- A. The top twelve players will be seeded numerically by ability.
 - (1) If two (or more) teammates are seeded, every effort will be made to place them in separate halves (quarters) of the draw unless such placements result in obvious errors in seeding.
 - (2) Non-seeded teammates **must** be placed in opposite halves (quarters) of the draw from other seeded/unseeded teammates.

B. The numerically seeded players should be assigned to the 64 player draw sheet as follows:
#1 seed – line 1; #8 seed – line 9; #9 seed – line 13; #4 seed – line #17;
#5 seed – line 25; #12 seed – line 29; #11 seed – line 36; #6 seed – line 40;
#3 seed – line 48; #10 seed – line 52; #7 seed – line 56; and #2 seed – line 64.

C. The four quarters of the draw will then be constructed so that ten non-seeded players are randomly drawn to join the three seeded players in each quarter of the draw. Attention to [#2, A (1, 2) above] remains in effect.

D. Only the twelve (12) numerical seeds will receive first round byes. All other qualifiers will play a first-round match.

In the MPA Singles Championships, all matches in the Round of 52 and in the Round of 32 portions of the draw will be two sets with a ten-point match tie-breaker used if the players split sets.

Matches beginning with the Round of 16 will be two of three tie break sets.

COACHING IN MPA SANCTIONED EVENTS

In both the Singles and Team Tournaments, coaches may coach individual players for no more than **two minutes on the court** at the completion of the first set.

After split sets coaching off-court may take place but play must resume within **five** minutes. Coaching will not extend the times allowed between sets.

While encouraging a player is certainly within the rules, any form of coaching, whether verbal or through signals, is strictly forbidden at all other times during a match.

FOR SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE SINGLES QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

If there are fewer than the maximum number of entries in a given qualifying region, there is now a vehicle in place to enable schools to enter one or two (limit two) additional players in the singles qualifying tournament for that region. This is in addition to alternates. The alternates could be the first additional players, if they are not called upon to replace another player.

- Each regional site director will establish an optimum number of entries his/her region can comfortably accommodate for singles qualifying play.
- If the actual number of entries is less than the optimum number, additional entries will be accepted.
- The order of acceptance of these applicants will be determined by the number of Heal Points accumulated by the applicant player's team as listed on the MPA Website on the morning of the Regional Seeding Meeting.
- There will be a place to declare application for the entry of additional players on the Singles Entry Form which is faxed by schools to the Maine Principals' Association.
- There will be a **\$20 fee** for each "additional applicant" who is accepted into the regional qualifying draw. The MPA will invoice this fee.
- A second applicant from a given school will not be accepted until the first applicant from each school that posts an application has been accepted.

MPA REGIONAL SEEDING MEETING SITES

Region 1 - Caribou High School

(Evan Graves: Director) W: 493-4260 email: egraves@rsu39.org

Link for the Region 1 virtual meeting on Wednesday, **May 3** at 7:00 pm: <https://zoom.us/j/94056945180>

Region 2 – Hermon High School

(Larry Gray: Director) C: 852-4493 email: ldgtch61@gmail.com

In person meeting at Hermon High School on Wednesday, **May 3** at 7:00 pm

Region 3 – Brunswick High School (Boys) and Mt. Ararat High School (Girls)

(Devin LaChapelle: Director-Boys) C: 649-5436 email: delachapelle@aos92.org

(Sheila Bohlin: Director-Girls) H: 833-6401 C: 522-2552 email: jsbohlin@myfairpoint.net

Link for boys' meeting Wednesday, **May 3** at 6:00 - 7:30 pm: <https://meet.google.com/gdp-feau-uye>

Link for girls' meeting Wednesday, **May 3** at 7:30 – 9:00 pm: <https://meet.google.com/oym-nhbo-bfm>

Region 4 – Lewiston High School

(Zac Conlogue), Director) C: 779-8452 email: zconlogue@mtbluersd.org

In person meeting at Lewiston High School on Wednesday, **May 3** at 7:00 pm

Region 5 - Falmouth High School

(Cooper Higgins: Chair) C: 650-0390 H: 797-3337 email: cooperhiggins@hotmail.com

In person meeting at Falmouth High School on Wednesday, **May 3** at 7:00 pm

SINGLES TOURNAMENT CLOTHING

Although team uniforms are not required, it is expected that all singles players will be dressed in tennis appropriate attire. All tops must be free of inappropriate wording or design and must be modest and tucked into or hang below the waistband of the shorts or skirt. The lower body garments must also be appropriate in wording, style, design, trim, and length. Tennis appropriate footwear with non-marking soles must be worn.

TENNIS PROTOCOL AT ALL SINGLES AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

- Glassware must not be taken onto the court.
- Most first-class tennis facilities prohibit gum chewing on all courts.
- All technological devices must be turned off or not taken onto the court by the players.
- Players must use appropriate language at all times.
- Common sense and courtesy should always prevail while playing tennis.

Saturday, May 6, 2023 - Regional Singles Qualifying Round

Postponement Date: In the event of a postponement on this date, the singles qualifying play will be rescheduled for a later date and at a time that best take into consideration the weather forecast, facility availability, and the specific needs of the MPA tennis season. Postponement will surely affect other school sponsored events and create inconveniences.

All matches prior to the actual qualifying round in the MPA Singles Qualifying Tournaments will be one "pro set" to eight (8) games, with a twelve-point tiebreaker played at 8-all. The qualifying round - where the winner advances to the "Round of 52" - will be the best two of three tie-break sets.

Reminder: All players must be checked-in and represented throughout the day by a coach who meets MPA eligibility standards or by a school representative, designated in writing by the principal or athletic administrator. This coaching replacement must meet the MPA coaches' eligibility standards and appear on the school's current coaches' eligibility list. NO private coaches are to be on the courts at high school matches unless he / she is on the school's eligibility list for coaches.

MPA STATE SINGLES QUALIFYING SITES AND INFORMATION

Region 1 - Caribou High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.

Director: Evan Graves B: 493-4260 email: egraves@rsu39.org

Region 2 – Hampden Academy (Parking Lot by Track) Report: 8:00 a.m. Start: 8:30 a.m.

Director: Larry Gray Cell: B: 852-4493 email: ldgtch61@gmail.com

Satellite Sites: Hermon, Hampden, Old Town, Orono

Region 3 – Brunswick High School (Boys)/Mt. Ararat High School (Girls):

Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.

Director: Devin Lachapelle C: 649-5436 email: delachapelle@aos92.org

Director: Sheila Bohlin H: 833-6401 Cell: 522-2552 email: jsbohlin@myfairpoint.net

Region 4 – Lewiston High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.

Director: Zac Conlogue Cell: 779-4852 email: zconlogue@mtbluersd.org

Region 5 Portland Area

Chairman: Cooper Higgins C: 650-0390 H: 797-3337 email: Cooperhiggins@hotmail.com

Weather Phones for boys & girls: 712-3956 / 650-0390 / 615-9987

(Boys) – South Portland High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.

Director: Jim Crocker H: 615-9987

Satellite Site - Waynflete School (Fore River Sports Complex)

(Girls) - Deering High School Report: 8:30 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m.

Director: Don Atkinson © 712-3956 H: 772-7350

Satellite Sites – Cheverus, Payson Park

The website for the MPA Singles Championship is:

www.tennistimes.webs.com

Weather and Site Phones: 712-3956 or 650-0390

Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390

Tournament Director: Don Atkinson H: 772-7350 Cell: 712-3956

M.P.A. SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Friday, May 19, 2023 – State Championship Round of 52 and Round of 32 at Bates College - Wallach Tennis Center. In the event of unplayable weather, all matches will be played at Apex Racket and Fitness in Portland.

First Day (Friday) matches: Matches in the Round of 52 and in the Round of 32 in the MPA Singles Championships will be two sets with a ten-point match tiebreaker should the players split sets. All matches beginning with the Round of 16 will be full two out of three set matches with a seven-point tiebreaker in all sets reaching 6-all.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP SITE: Bates College – Wallach Tennis Center

***Bates College will be in session and parking will be limited each day, especially street parking. All participants, spectators, and staff need to park in the Merrill Gym Lot at 141 Russell St, Lewiston, ME.**

TOURNAMENT REPORT TIME ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023: 7:45 AM, MATCH TIME: 8:00 AM.

Note: Not all players will have 8 AM matches. Please refer to the tournament website

(www.tennistimes.webs.com) for individual report and match times.

Matches postponed on Friday will move to Apex Racket and Tennis in Portland.

Reminder: As in qualifying play, all players must be checked-in and represented throughout the day by a coach who meets MPA eligibility standards or by a school representative, designated in writing by the principal or athletic administrator.

Saturday, May 20, 2023 – State Championship Round of 16 and Quarterfinals at **Bates College – Wallach Tennis Center.**

If Saturday's matches are postponed due to weather, they will move to the next playable date.

***** Weather and Site Phone for all Singles Tournament Play: 712-3956 *****

Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390

Tournament Director: Don Atkinson H: 772-7350 Cell: 712-3956

EVENT REPORT TIME: 8:45 AM, MATCH TIME: 9:00 AM

Players will be given individual report times after they have successfully completed the first day of play.

Monday, May 22, 2023 - Singles State Championship Semifinals and Finals at **Bates College – Wallach Tennis Center.**

Weather and Site Phone: 712-3956

Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337 Cell: 650-0390

Tournament Director: Don Atkinson B: 874-8140 H: 772-7350, Cell: 712-3956

SEMI-FINALS REPORT TIME: 8:45 AM. MATCH TIME: 9:00 AM.

FINALS REPORT TIME: 12:45 PM, MATCH TIME: 1:00 PM.

Weather conditions could impact all report and start times.

Postponement of Saturday or Monday of the Singles Tournament would move the Semifinals and Finals to Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

REGULAR SEASON PLAY DATES AND INFORMATION

See MPA suggested regular season play dates below when constructing schedules to avoid potential conflicts.

MPA suggested regular season play dates for the 2021 tennis season

April 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29 (Some of these dates may conflict with April vacation), May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. May 24 is a make-up date for matches scheduled on May 23 only.

The season ends on May 23rd! Reminder: Singles qualifying is on Saturday, May 6th and the MPA Singles Championships are on Friday, Saturday and Monday, May 19, 20 and 22. Please check SAT and ACT Testing Dates.

The tennis committee has allowed each school more than enough play dates to complete a 12-match season. Please plan ahead so that you can comfortably complete your season and any makeup matches!

There should be enough dates allowed to complete a 12-match season without going back-to-back before postponements begin!

Do not put off postponed matches until the end of the season!

Tuesday, May 23, 2022 - Last Date for Heal Point Countable Matches.

MPA TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

- All tournament matches may be played earlier than the scheduled date by mutual consent.
- No matches may be played after the scheduled date unless rained out on the last playable date with permission of the MPA Tennis Committee.
- Schools may have both Boys and Girls teams in Preliminary or Tournament matches.
- We ask that schools extend every courtesy to facilitate scheduling of matches.
- Sequential tournament play must be followed. Do not set a play date on projected victories. Previous tournament victories must be official before subsequent tournament matches are scheduled.

Friday, May 26, 2023 – State Team Tournament Pre-lims (Regions with more than 16 teams).

Site: Higher Seed

Time: **3:30 PM** unless another time is agreed upon by **BOTH** teams.

Make-up: Saturday, **May 27** at 1:00 PM: Must be played indoors if needed!

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – State Team Tournament Regional Quarterfinals.

Site: Higher Seed

Time: **3:30 PM** unless another time is agreed upon by **BOTH** teams.

Make-up: Wednesday, **May 31** at 3:30 PM: Must be played indoors if needed!

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – State Team Tournament Regional Semi-finals.

Site: Higher Seed. (This match may be played on Wednesday, June 1st, if mutually agreed upon by both schools)

Time: **3:30 PM** unless another time is agreed upon by **BOTH** teams.

Make-up: Friday, **June 3** at 3:30 PM Must be played indoors if needed!

REGIONAL & STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT FINALS

Regionals

Saturday, June 3, 2023 – North Regional Championships

C North Championships REPORT: 8:15 A.M. MATCHES START: 8:30 A.M. at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

B North Championships REPORT: 12:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:30 P.M. at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

A North Championship REPORT: 4:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:30 P.M. at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

Monday, June 5, 2023

SITE: Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

C South Championships REPORT: 8:15 A.M. MATCHES START: 8:30 A.M. at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

B South Championships REPORT: 12:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:30 P.M. at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

A South Championship REPORT: 4:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:30 P.M. at Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center).

STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

SITE: Bates College (Wallach Tennis Center), Lewiston

Weather and Site Phone: 712-3956

Chairman: Cooper Higgins H: 797-3337

Director: Don Atkinson H: 772-7350

C Championships REPORT: 8:15 A.M. MATCHES START: 8:30 A.M.

B Championships REPORT: 12:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 12:30 P.M.

A Championships REPORT: 4:15 P.M. MATCHES START: 4:30 P.M.

PROCEDURES FOR TEAM TOURNAMENT

HEAL POINT REPORTING SYSTEM

The seeding for the tournament will be determined by using the Heal Point System. Athletic Directors are responsible for the reporting of home matches ASAP following the match's completion. Coaches/athletic administrators are asked to enter results through the link on the MPA website. Please report all scheduled matches to the site as soon as matches are completed.

TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING MATCHES

The maximum number of countable matches is 12, the minimum number of countable matches is 8. If less than 8 matches are played the team is ineligible for tournament seeding.

TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Two-thirds of the schools in each region (North/South) in each class will qualify for the regional tournament. The Heal point system will be used to determine seeding for the team tennis tournament. If two or more teams finish with identical heal point tournament ratings, the following tie-breaking system will be in effect:

If the tying teams are both (all) qualifiers for the tournament field, the numerical seeding will be defined by:

1) Head-to-head play,

2) A coin flip. If two teams are tied for the final playoff spot, and the tie is not resolved by head-to-head play, a one match playoff will be held with the home team determined by a coin flip.

NOTE: In the event of a three- (or more) way tie for the final qualifying position(s), byes and pairings to determine the tournament qualifier(s), will be decided by a coin flip(s). All coin flips will take place at the MPA office.

The Committee recognizes that graduation programs and year-end schedules may conflict with scheduled regional games and, therefore, recognizes the need for changes of dates. With the Committee Chairperson's approval, preliminary, quarter-final, or semi-final matches may be played one day earlier by mutual agreement but may not be played later than scheduled.

SINGLES AND TEAM TOURNAMENT BALL

The ball for the team and singles tennis conducted by the MPA Tournament Committee will be the Wilson Extra Duty Hard Court Tennis Ball. The MPA will provide the balls for the MPA Singles Championship tournament and the regional and state team championships.

TEAM TOURNAMENT UNIFORMS

It is a requirement for all team members to be dressed in matching school issued uniforms (within reason: fading, dye lots, and sizing issues) throughout the entire match. In cold weather situations discretion should be used to allow for sweatpants and sweatshirts/jackets. All tops must be free of inappropriate wording or design and must be modest and tucked into or hang below the waistband of the shorts or skirt. The lower body garments must also be of the same color and appropriate length. During the regular season matches the coaches and ultimately the host Athletic Administrator are responsible for enforcing this requirement. All violations should be reported to the appropriate athletic administrator or principal.

TEAM TOURNAMENT AWARDS

At the Team Regional and State Team Tournaments, ten (10) medals will be awarded.

Schools may order additional medals on their own. Schools needing additional awards may contact Dinn Brothers at mkdinn@dinntrophy.com or 1-800-628-9657.

REGULAR SEASON AND TEAM TOURNAMENT HOSTING SUGGESTIONS

It is a privilege to host a Regional Team Tennis tournament match. However, it takes a significant amount of planning to conduct such an event well.

The following suggestions may aid the match director, local administrator, or coach in providing an outstanding experience for all involved!

- ☐ Set the time and date for the match as soon as possible.
- ☐ Notify the local press.
- ☐ Research indoor options if weather is predicted to be a problem.
- ☐ Clean the courts and verify that they are well marked, safe and all posts and nets are in good condition and at the proper height.
- ☐ Have Roll-Dri's available in case of rain.
- ☐ Provide score cards if possible.
- ☐ Provide for a water source for all players.
- ☐ Bring a copy of the MPA Bulletin and Rule Book to the courts.
- ☐ Provide new USTA Approved tennis balls for each match.
- ☐ In conjunction with the visiting coach, establish the match order of play, match length, verify and announce match line-ups, establish any special ground rules, enforce the uniform rule, supervise matches, control spectators and establish viewing areas, record the score of the match and report it to the press.

TENNIS REGION ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLES PLAY

Team assignments to sections and regions for purposes of seeding meetings and singles/team tennis tournament qualification and progression:

Region 1**Evan Graves**

W: 493-4260

Caribou

Fort Kent

Houlton

Madawaska

Presque Isle

Van Buren

Woodland

Region 2**Larry Gray**

Cell: 852-4493

Bangor

Belfast

Brewer

Calais

Deer Isle-Ston.

Dexter

Ellsworth

Foxcroft

George Stevens

Hampden

Hermon

John Bapst

Lee Academy

Maine Central

Mattanawcook

Mt. Desert

Nokomis

Old Town

Orono

Penobscot

Piscataquis

Shed

Schenck/

Stearns

Sumner

Washington

Region 3**Devin****LaChapelle****(Boys)**

Cell: 649-5436

Sheila Bohlin**(Girls)**

H: 833-6401

Cell: 522-2552

Boothbay

Brunswick

Camden Hills

Cony

Erskine

Gardiner

Islesboro

Lawrence (B)

Lincoln

Medomak

Messalonskee

Morse

Mt. Ararat

Oceanside

Skowhegan

Waterville

Winslow

Wiscasset

Region 4**Zac Conlogue**

Cell: 779-8452

Carrabec

Dirigo

Edward Little

Hall-Dale

Lewiston

Lisbon

Madison

Maranacook

Mt. Blue

Mountain

Valley

Oak Hill (G)

Oxford Hills (G)

Spruce Mtn.

St. Dominic

Winthrop

Region 5**Cooper****Higgins**

H: 797-3337

Cell: 650-0390

Biddeford

Bonny Eagle

Cape Elizabeth

Cheverus

Deering

Falmouth

Freeport

Fryeburg

Gorham

Greely

Kennebunk

Lake Region

Marshwood

Massabesic

North

Yarmouth

Portland

Sanford

Scarborough

South Portland

Thornton

Waynflete

Westbrook

Windham

Yarmouth

York

TEAM TENNIS CLASSIFICATION

CLASS A 665+	CLASS B 380-664	CLASS C 0-379
NORTH	NORTH	NORTH
1. Lewiston, 1,511 2. Bangor, 1,182 3. Oxford Hills, 1,043 (G) 4. Edward Little, 982 5. Hampden, 801 6. Skowhegan, 742 7. Messalonskee, 737 (G) 8. Brunswick, 732 9. Mt. Blue, 726 10. Mt. Ararat, 720 11. Camden Hills, 706 12. Brewer, 687	1. John Bapst, 540 2. MDI, 527 3. Hermon, 523 4. Old Town, 522 5. Waterville, 493 6. Belfast, 491 7. Ellsworth, 480 8. Oceanside, 477 9. Presque Isle, 476 10. Caribou, 445 11. Winslow, 400 (G) 12. Foxcroft, 388	1. Houlton/GHCA, 354 (B) 352 (G) 2. Maine Central, 334 3. Orono, 334 4. Washington, 327 5. George Stevens, 304 6. Mattanawcook, 284 7. Dexter, 261 8. Fort Kent, 247 9. Calais, 247 10. Piscataquis, 180 11. Lee Academy, 151 (B) 12. Woodland, 145 13. Madawaska, 145 14. Penobscot Valley, 134 15. Schenck/Stearns, 104/141 (B/G) 16. Deer-Isle Stonington, 98 17. Van Buren/Wisdom, 84 (B/G)
SOUTH	SOUTH	SOUTH
1. Thornton, 1,352 2. Bonny Eagle, 1,110 3. Sanford, 1,055 4. Biddeford/Massabesic, 1,054 (B) 5. Scarborough, 984 6. Windham, 911 7. South Portland, 901 8. Portland, 873 9. Gorham, 850 10. Deering, 833 11. Biddeford, 754 (G) 12. Kennebunk, 753 13. Marshwood, 732 14. Westbrook, 697 15. Falmouth, 676 16. Cheverus^, 360	1. Greely, 635 2. Cony, 630 3. Gardiner, 622 4. Freeport, 584 5. Morse, 565 6. Erskine, 557 7. Lake Region, 549 8. Medomak Valley, 547 9. Lincoln, 541 10. Cape Elizabeth, 529 11. Yarmouth, 526 12. York, 524	1. Oak Hill, 378 (G) 2. Spruce Mountain, 372 3. Mountain Valley, 354 4. Maranacook, 351 (G) 5. Hall-Dale, 267 (G) 6. Waynflete, 256 7. Winthrop, 227 (G) 8. Dirigo, 212 9. Madison, 200 10. Carrabec, 183 11. Boothbay, 176 12. North Yarmouth, 171 13. Winthrop/Maranacook/ Monmouth, 227/351/194 (B)

^Applied to Higher Classification
 Covid Appeal Adjusted Enrollment

M.P.A. TENNIS STATE SINGLES SEEDING FACT SHEET

Tennis coaches should complete this document and bring the information to all seeding meetings! Every tennis coach's input is very important to help determine fair and equitable seeding for the M.P.A. Singles Tennis Championships. This form may be sent to Regional Site Directors in advance of the Regional Seeding Meeting.

School _____ Telephone # _____

Coach: _____ Telephone #'s Home: _____ School: _____

Business: _____ Cell: _____ Email address: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Telephone #: Home: _____ School: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

PLAYER'S NAME: _____ Year in School _____ UTR Ranking _____

Current regular season record W _____ L _____ Ladder Rank: (circle one) #1 #2 #3 Other: _____

A. Regular season significant match results:

Match Result (W or L)	Opponent's Name	School	Scores
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____

B. Progression and results from previous M.P.A. Tournaments and Tennis Seasons

State singles qualifying results: Year: _____

Round	Result (W or L)	Opponent's Name	School	Scores
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Progression and results from previous M.P.A. Tournaments and Tennis Seasons

State singles qualifying results: Year: _____

Round	Result (W or L)	Opponent's Name	School	Scores
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Progression and results from previous M.P.A. Tournaments and Tennis Seasons

State singles qualifying results: Year: _____

Round	Result (W or L)	Opponent's Name	School	Scores
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

C. Past regular season singles results: Ladder Rank: _____

W _____ L _____ Year _____ #1 #2 #3
W _____ L _____ Year _____ #1 #2 #3
W _____ L _____ Year _____ #1 #2 #3

D. **Significant** results from past seasons in M.P.A. Heal Point countable matches:

Match	Result	Opponent	School	Year	Scores
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

E. Significant results in non-countable high school Heal Point matches during the current tennis season:

Match	Result	Opponent	School	Year	Scores
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

F. Close losses against quality opponents during the current tennis season:

Match	Result	Opponent	School	Year	Scores
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

G. Documented local, sectional, and national rankings:

Year	Rank	Organization	Governing Official
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

H. Documented head to head results in Non-M.P.A. junior and adult tournaments:

Match	Result	Opponent	Tournament	Year	Scores		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Coach's signature serves to verify the correctness of all information given above!

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____