

CAPITAL VALLEY CONFERENCE TENNIS BY-LAWS

Section 1 - Starting Date

- 1.1 The dates for the first day of practice, first scrimmage, first game and last game are determined by the Section.
- 1.2 A coaches meeting shall be held prior to the first allowable contest.

Section 2 - Official Rules

- 2.1 The official rule book shall be the United State Tennis Association Rule Book.

Section 3 - Official Ball

- 3.1 Any hard court USTA approved ball.
- 3.2 Game balls will be provided by the home team.

Section 4 - Contacts

- 4.1 The number of contacts are determined by the Section.
- 4.3 Scrimmages held after the first game shall be counted as a contact.

Section 5 - Match Times

- 5.1 Game times shall be indicated on the officially adopted league schedule.

Section 6 - Match Results

- 6.1 Match results must be reported Max Preps, or any other official site being used by the Section.

Section 7 - Championship

- 7.1 The league champion shall be determined by dual match competition.

7.2 In the event of a tie, multiple champions shall be declared and duplicate awards presented to each school tied.

Section 8 - Section Playoffs

8.1 The number of teams and individuals qualifying for participation in the Section Playoffs shall be determined by the Section.

8.2 Tie Breakers for seeding

8.2.1 Head to head match up

8.2.2 Head to head match wins

8.2.2 Head to head set wins

8.2.2 Head to head game wins

8.2.2 Coin flip

8.3 To determine qualifier

8.3.1. The team with the best head to head record shall advance to the section playoffs.

8.3.2 If head to head competition does not break the tie, a match will be played at a neutral site. The winner shall advance to the playoffs.

8.3.2.1 If a neutral site cannot be arranged, a coin flip will decide the home team.

8.3.3 In the event of multiple ties which cannot be broken by head to head competition the team with the greatest number of individual matches won will advance.

8.3.4 The final tie breaker will be a coin flip

8.3.5 If a tie exists between teams qualified for the playoffs, a coin flip will determine the higher seed.

Section 9 - Rain Outs and Suspended Matches

9.1 The home team will cancel matches by 12:00 Noon, or as soon as possible in the case of inclement weather.

9.2 By mutual consent of both coaches, a game a game may be suspended due to darkness or inclement weather.

9.2.1 The scores, the server and the sides must be recorded. When play continues it begins at the point it was suspended.

9.2.2 Should an athlete become injured or academically ineligible for the makeup, that match will be forfeited. Substitutions may not be made. If both participants are not able to compete it shall be declared a double forfeit.

9.3 Postponed or suspended games shall be rescheduled by mutual consent of both coaches.

9.4 If one team has scored five (5) points at the time that darkness or inclement weather forces the suspension of action, that team will be declared the winner of the match and the match will not be rescheduled.

9.5 When the threat of inclement weather or impending darkness is likely, and both coaches agree, a match may be decided by an eight (8) game pro set.

9.6 Saturday shall not be considered as an open day for makeup purposes.

Section 10 - Dual Match Competition

10.1 Each dual meet shall consist of six singles and three doubles matches.

10.1.1 Matches shall be played with singles first followed by doubles.

10.1.2 Participants are permitted five (5) minutes of on court warm up, including serves.

10.1.3 a player not ready to play in fifteen (15) minutes from the scheduled match time shall forfeit.

10.2 Each school shall establish a boys and girls ladder of players in ranking order position on the ladder shall be determined by the player's ability and the results of inter-squad challenge matches.

10.2.1 Each coach shall submit a team ladder in ranking order to every other coach in the league prior to the first league match.

10.2.1.1 No changes may occur during the first half unless those changes result from injury or absence, and a player may not advance more than 3 positions on the ladder.

10.2.1.1.2 Players who were participating in another sport at the time the ladder is determined shall have the right to

challenge for a position on the ladder.

10.2.2 Failure to submit a ladder will result in forfeiture of all matches played until a ladder is submitted.

10.3 The CVC will follow the protocol established by the Section in playoffs for the ladder.

10.4 Team points will be awarded for each match won.

10.5 No ad scoring and a twelve (12) point tie breaker shall be used for all matches.

10.5.1 Single sets tied at 6-6 and Doubles sets tied at 9-9 shall be decided by a twelve (12) point tie breaker 0

10.5.2 Matches shall be decided by a best two (2) out of three (3) with the third being a 10 point super tie breaker.

Section 11 - Miscellaneous - Activity Specific

11.1 Coaches shall supervise their players always and demand good sportsmanship and etiquette.

11.2 Coaching

11.2.1 A coach may coach a player at any time during the match as long as it does not interfere with the pace of play.

11.2.2 Coaching may not take place while the ball is in play.

11.2.3 Coaches are not allowed to pull players to the side to coach them during the 20 second break between points. Players must remain on the court at all times.

11.2.4 Coaching may be done only by school designated coaches.

11.2.4.1 Parents or teammates may not act as coaches.

11.2.4.1.1 Penalty for violation shall be:

First Violation: Warning

Second Violation: 1 point penalty

Third Violation: Player forfeits and violator removed from grounds.

Section 12 - League Tournament

12.1 The league coordinator shall assign the responsibility for directing the league meet.

12.1.1 Any profit from the operation of the meet will be retained by the host school. Any loss incurred in the operation of the meet will be the responsibility of the host school.

12.2 The tournament shall be conducted over no more than three (3) days.

12.2.1 Preliminary singles matches will be held on one day.

12.2.2 Preliminary doubles matches will be held on one day.

12.2.3 Finals for singles and doubles will be held either on a third day, or on the same day as the preliminary for doubles.

12.3 Seeding will take place on the morning of each tournament.

12.3.1 Coaches and players must be present and prepared to play to be included in the official draw.

12.3.2 The actual name of the player must be entered, not a school & number.

12.3.3 Seeding shall be done based on CVC League matches. Other matches and rankings shall not be considered.

12.3.4 Seeding shall follow USTA rules.

12.3.5 Players who participated in singles and did not qualify may play doubles the second day. Doubles teams will be seeded by their ability.

12.3.6 Once the draw has been completed no changes will be allowed.

12.4 Coaches and players must arrive prior to the match starting time. A player not ready after fifteen (15) minutes shall default. (See Section 2.2.12).

12.5 No match may start if a coach is not present.

Section 13 - All Conference Selection

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13.1 The tennis coordinator shall call a meeting the morning of the doubles tournament to select the All-Conference team. Coaches shall be informed of the meeting, time and location at least a week in advance. Notification shall be by phone or Email.

13.2 Schools will be awarded positions on the All-Conference team in accordance to their finish in League competition. Each school will make their own determination as to who will be placed on the All-Conference team.

13.2.1 A total of twenty-four players will be selected.

13.2.2 The automatic positions shall be as follows:

EIGHT TEAM LEAGUE

SEVEN TEAM LEAGUE

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Selections</u>		<u>Finish</u>	<u>Selections</u>
1st Place	7		1st Place	7
2nd Place	6		2nd Place	6
3rd Place	4		3rd Place	5
4th Place	3		4th Place	3
5th Place	1		5th Place	1
6th Place	1		6th Place	1
7th Place	1		7th Place	1
8th Place	1			

13.3 A ballot shall be taken to name the MVP. Each school shall have one vote to name the MVP from those selected to be on the All-Conference team. A school may vote for its own candidate. Only one (1) MVP shall be named.

13.4 Each school shall receive 2 Second Team Positions.

13.5 Total Awards: Twenty-four (24) - Type of Award: Patch and Certificate

13.6 All conference selections shall be forwarded to the League Commissioner and to the media.

13.7 No all-conference team shall be selected below the varsity level.