



September, 2021

Dear Athletic Directors and Tennis Coaches,

The Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association will once again sponsor eight-team tournaments for Division I (girls 9-12 enrollment of 161 and higher) and Division II (girls 9-12 enrollment of 160 and lower) starting on Tuesday, November 9th. This being the second year of a two-year cycle, divisions are based on enrollment numbers submitted in September of 2019.

The quarter- finals will be played on Tuesday, November 9th, the semi-finals will be played on Friday, November 12th and the finals will be played on Saturday, November 13th. All matches will be played at the higher seed at a time agreed upon by the two schools involved in the match. **The finals on Saturday, November 13th should not be scheduled to start before 1:00 pm to allow teams ample travel time from the semi-final destinations.** The #1 seeded team will host the #8 seeded team, the #2 seeded team will host the #7 seeded team, the #3 seeded team will host the #6 seeded team and the #4 seeded team will host the #5 seeded team in the quarter-finals on November 7th and winning teams will advance. If there is a rain out, the match will be played on the next playable day.

The format that will be used is six (6) singles and three (3) doubles, with repeaters permitted in the doubles matches. We will use the ten (10) game pro set scoring system with Ads and will use a 12-point tiebreaker.

In order to rank the participating teams, a committee has been formed to review all match results and formulate a bi-weekly ranking. The members of this committee are Pontus Hiort of St. Catherine's School, Sheryl Raulston of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, and Hank Harris of Episcopal High School. We will publish the rankings every other Tuesday. Our first ranking will be published on Tuesday, September 21st, and the final rankings/tournament seeding will be distributed by Sunday, November 7th. The top eight teams in each Division will earn tournament bids.

Weekly team (not individual) results should be emailed each Friday or Saturday after all matches have been played for the week so I can update the database by Monday and send it out to the pollsters. Failure to send in weekly results may result in your team being dropped from the weekly ranking. If you no longer wish to participate in the VISAA Tennis Tournament, please let me know as soon as possible.

I look forward to communicating with anyone who has questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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