

Dear Athletic Directors and Boys' Tennis Coaches:

March 23, 2022

The Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) is again sponsoring an eight-team tournament for Division I (boys 9-12 enrollment of 161 or higher) and Division II (boys 9-12 enrollment of 160 or lower) starting on Tuesday, May 17th, with the #1 seed hosting the #8 seed, the #2 seed hosting the #7 seed, the #3 seed hosting the #6 seed and the #4 seed hosting the #5 seed. The semi-finals and finals will also be held at the higher seed. The higher seed/hosting team is responsible for the expense of hosting and schools are required/responsible for securing and paying for officials for all VISAA Quarterfinal, Semi-final and Final matches. Admission must be charged and all gate receipts must be sent to VISAA. The higher seed must submit financial forms within seven days of each match to VISAA. Please email satterwhitedm@gmail.com with any questions about financial forms. If you need help securing officials in your area, please reach out to us ASAP, as they are limited in some areas, and we will try to assist you. Visiting schools are responsible for the expense of traveling to the host school. If there is a rain out, the match should be played on the next playable day. If the Tuesday match is rained out and it cannot be played on Wednesday or Thursday, the higher-seeded teams will automatically advance. All hosting schools should have appropriate rain equipment available.

The format to be used is 6 singles followed by 3 doubles, with repeaters permitted in the doubles matches. We will use the 10-game pro set scoring system with Ads and will use a 12-point tie-breaker at 10-all. Every effort should be made to have at least 6 courts available for play. You must submit your singles and doubles line-ups at the start of the tournament and use those line-ups for the entirety of the tournament. We will ask for line-ups and rosters to be submitted to us, via email, no later than 7PM Monday, May 16th. If a player cannot play due to illness, injury or punishment, the team must move all players up one position until all singles positions are filled. A team cannot substitute for the ill/injured/punished player with a player below the #6 slot, unless it is the #6 player that is ill or injured. A #1 singles player may not play below #2 doubles and a #6 singles or lower player may not play #1 doubles.

In order to rank the teams, your weekly team scores (not individual scores) should be emailed to us each Friday, so we may update the database and vote for the poll. <u>Please include your overall record each time, so we do not miss any</u> <u>matches.</u> The pollsters will take into consideration each school's head-to-head results, results against common opponents, strength of schedule and win-loss record. Failure to submit weekly results may result in your team being dropped from the ranking. Division I match results should be emailed to Karin Whitt, Collegiate School at <u>kwhitt@collegiate-va.org</u> and Division II results should be emailed to Mike Duquette, Norfolk Academy, at <u>mduquette@norfolkacademy.org</u>. ***All-State and Coach of the Year Nominations will be due, via email, on May 22nd, no later than noon. DI Nominations to Karin and DII nominations to Mike.

As most schools have just started playing matches, or soon will be, the rankings will be published on April 11th, 25th and May 9th. The final rankings will be published no later than May 15th, assuming no weather issues. The top 8 teams from each Division will qualify for the VISAA State Tennis Tournament. If you no longer wish to participate in the State Tournament, please let us know as soon as possible.

We look forward to answering any questions or concerns you may have and hope that everyone has a great season.

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