



Dear Athletic Directors and Boys' Tennis Coaches,

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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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 semifinals will be played on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, finals on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and all matches will be held at the higher seed. The higher seed/hosting team is responsible for the expense of hosting, and schools are required/responsible for supplying balls and helping to secure officials for all VISAA Quarterfinal, Semifinal 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](mailto: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 inclement weather forecasted for Tuesday, please plan to schedule the match on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. If the Tuesday match is rained out and cannot be played on Wednesday, 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 12PM Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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. Please include your overall record each time, so we do not miss any matches. 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 [kwhitt@collegiate-va.org](mailto:kwhitt@collegiate-va.org) and Division II results should be emailed to Mike Duquette, Norfolk Academy, at [mduquette@norfolkacademy.org](mailto:mduquette@norfolkacademy.org). \*\*\*All-State and Coach of the Year Nominations will be due, via email, on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup>. The final tournament seedings and bracket will be published no later than Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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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