

Intermediate Tennis Tournament

Team Format

The format of the tournament is 6 teams with a roster of 12 (4 students at each division) or 15 (5 students in each division which means students are rotating in).

If you do not have a full team athletes will miss out on matches, even numbers on court are necessary. It's a good idea to have a few more rather than less. **SMALL SCHOOLS- I can possibly put you in contact with another school to make a team together**

There is an A, B, C division- A is most accomplished seeds 1-4 (5 spare), 6-9 (10 spare), 11-14 (15 spare)- you will submit your team list in advance ranking your athletes from 1-15 in order to create competitive matches for all participants.

Make sure your athletes know what division (A, B, or C) they are. This year athletes will be a number (ie. A 12345 B12345 C 12345) you may need to pull out a sharpie and give them their number on their hand

Teams are mixed based on your supply of athletes and abilities.

The number of rounds is usually 8 with each round being approx.. 20-24 minutes in length. There is a Championship round at the end if time allows.

Within each round, each athlete on court will play 1 singles match, 1 doubles match (with closest seed ie. 1 and 2 play together), 1 singles match = 3 matches in total per round

4 teams are always on court at one time competing, with 2 resting. Coaches are on court score keeping and running a court all day.

Modified Court

The tennis court is modified. Each division will have different modifications as follows (See diagrams below):

- A- The court is full length from middle of court to doubles alley. Regular tennis ball, play is straight ahead, for doubles the entire court is used and a regular tennis ball. Or singles play, there are 2 courts on this main court so 2 singles matches will take place on one court.

- B- The court is $\frac{3}{4}$ length (shorter) and from middle of the court to the outside of the doubles alley for singles, low compression ball (orange dot), doubles full court $\frac{3}{4}$ length. In this division there are mini courts set up at the back of the main court with a mini net. On this court there are 4 singles matches taking place at one time.
- C- Play will occur within the service box $\frac{1}{2}$ court length from middle to outside of doubles alley using a yellow/red larger low compression ball. In this division, there will be a mini court set up at the back of each side of the main court with a net. In C division there are 4 singles matches taking place on 1 main court.

***There will be tape on the court to show you where the lines are for each division.**

Modified Scoring

Scoring within each match will be up to 21 by 1s **OR** time limit whichever comes first.

The point begins with Person 1 serving into the service box to Person 2 directly in front of them. After that, Person 2 will serve 2 points, person 1 -2 points etc. until one person gets to 21- must win by 2 pts.

The ball only needs to land in the service box on a serve. After that just within the court.

You have **TWO** chances to get the serve into the service box directly in front of you.

You may serve under or overhand. You must toss the ball into the air and hit it to start the point (not from a bounce)

The ball may bounce **ONE** time and the rally begins until someone hits it **OUT** or into the net.

The line is considered **IN**. When in doubt call it in or replay that point.

It is your call on your side of the court.

Tennis is a sport of etiquette, shake hands with your opponent (s) when you are finished a match.