

2013 GISA STATE INDIVIDUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Please photocopy and distribute to all appropriate personnel.

The **2013 GISA State Individual Tennis Tournament** will be held at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center in Macon (with Stratford Academy as Host School) on April 22 & 23, 2013. (State Individual Tennis Rules are enclosed.)

ADMISSION: Please advise parents and friends that Admission is \$4.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Students each day.

SCHEDULE:

Players will only have to play 2 matches per day unless weather dictates changes. Play will begin immediately after the **General Meeting**, filling all available courts and players will be placed on courts for future matches according to the brackets until both rounds are completed in the following order:

Girls Singles – Girls Doubles – Boys Singles – Boys Doubles

We will use the bullpen method of having the next few matches called and waiting for the next available court. Players will be given at least 45-minutes between matches, more if courts are not available.

Monday, April 22

Rounds 1 & 2	Class AAA	General Meeting at 9:00 am
Rounds 1 & 2	Class AA	General Meeting at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 23

Semi-Finals & Finals	Class AAA	9:00 am
Semi-Finals & Finals	Class AA	1:00 pm

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Emphasis at the General Meetings will be placed on **Sportsmanship, Proper Tennis Etiquette, and Being on Time.**

TOURNAMENT BRACKETS: As soon as bracket information is available it will be placed on the GISA web site at the following web address: www.gisaschools.org under ATHLETICS, click on TENNIS to find the brackets on the TENNIS page. Completed brackets will be distributed to all coaches during the Assembly prior to play each day.

TOURNAMENT TENNIS BALLS – will be provided by GISA.

RAIN DATE:

In case of extended rain delay, a “**Rain Date**” will be determined prior to cancelling play. John Drew Smith Tennis Centers has lights and court squeegees, therefore every effort will be made to complete the tournament; however, safety will remain the primary concern. In the past everyone has been so helpful in getting courts ready to play if we have bad weather.

Have a great season!

2013 GISA INDIVIDUAL STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. CONTESTANTS

Boys Singles - 1 Boy Girls Singles - 1 Girl
Boys Doubles - 2 Boys Girls Doubles - 2 Girls

2. SETS IN A MATCH

Three (3). All matches are played as the best 2 out of 3.

3. SET

A set is completed when either player wins six (6) games and has won two (2) more games than the opponent.

If a set is tied at six (6) games each, a twelve (12) point tie breaker will be played. (See 2013 USTA Rules of Tennis.)

Players should ask for assistance in administering tie breakers. (Neutral Coach or Tournament Official)

4. SHOES

Only regulation tennis shoes are to be worn at the State Meet. Basketball shoes are not considered to be tennis shoes. Any player not wearing regulation tennis shoes at the State Meet may be disqualified or asked to change shoes, unless approved in advance by Tournament Director or GISA Representative.

5. BALLS

Approved regulation tennis balls will be furnished by the GISA.

6. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Profanity, obscene language, or unsportsmanlike conduct (throwing a racket, hitting balls into the net or fence in an unsportsmanlike manner, yelling at oneself or an opponent) will not be allowed. First offense observed by tournament personnel will result in loss of the game. Second offense will be disqualification.

7. COACHING

Coaching players once the player has taken the court is not allowed. This includes coaches, parents and well meaning fans. Coaching by *coaches only* (not parents, students, or fans) will be allowed after each odd numbered game, but such coaching must not delay the match (90 seconds allowed). Yelling "good shot" or something similar at the end of a point is not considered coaching.

8. TARDINESS

Players are required to be on time, or be penalized or eventually forfeit their matches. (See also # 12, Penalties) GISA Tournament play is not on a set time schedule after matches begin, but is on a next match on first available court type schedule. Therefore, we can not tell you exactly when you will play next. **If you leave the Tennis Center area, you risk the chance of your match being called, and thus suffering the consequences. Don't make us need to enforce this rule.**

9. REST PERIODS

After Round One, players will be allowed a **45 minute rest period**, starting immediately after the end of the first match.

10. RAIN DELAYS, etc.

Should rain or other unavoidable events or acts of nature (lightning, etc.) cause a delay, the starting time delay will be set at the discretion of the Tournament Director or his/her representative. All delays must be reported (injured players, etc.) to the Tournament Director for evaluation and a time delay decision. Every effort will be made to re-establish play after a delay, even play under the lights, if needed. Safety or playing conditions will not be sacrificed for expediency.

Rounds 1 and 2 will be played on Monday, April 22, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for AAA schools.

Rounds 1 and 2 will be played on Monday, April 22, 2013, beginning at 1:00 p.m. for AA schools.

AAA SEMI-FINALS & FINALS will be played on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

AA SEMI-FINALS and FINALS will be played on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Rain Date, in case of extended rain delay will be determined, prior to cancellation.

11. REPORTING RESULTS

Players that win a match are required to report the results and the ending time to the Scoring Table or Tournament Director **within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of the match.**

12. LATE FOR MATCH

Penalties:

5 Minutes or less	Loss of toss plus one game
More than 5 min. - not more than 10	Loss of toss plus two games
More than 10 min. - but less than 15	Loss of toss plus three games
More than 15 minutes	Default

DELAY OR VIOLATIONS

Penalties:

First Offense	Warning
After 30 Seconds	Loss of Point
After 30 More Seconds	Loss of Game
After 30 More Seconds	Default

13. MEETING WITH TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

All AAA players qualifying for the Individual State Tournament and their coaches are requested to be present at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center at 9:00 a.m. sharp (1:00 p.m. for Class AA), for a brief meeting prior to the start of play.

Following the meeting, players will report to their assigned courts.