

2018 GISA STATE INDIVIDUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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The 2018 GISA State Individual Tennis Tournament will be held at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center in Macon on **Monday & Tuesday, April 16-17, 2018**. (State Individual Tennis Rules are enclosed.)

ADMISSION: Please advise parents and friends that Admission is \$8.00 for Adults and \$6.00 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 16 at JDS Tennis Center

Rounds 1 & 2	Class AAA	General Meeting at 9:00 am
Rounds 1 & 2	Class AA	General Meeting at 12:15 pm

Tuesday, April 17 at JDS Tennis Center

Semi-Finals & Finals	General Meeting for All	9:00 am
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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.

2018 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 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 cannot 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.

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

More than 5 min. - not more than 10

More than 10 min. - but less than 15

More than 15 minutes

DELAY OR VIOLATIONS

Penalties:

Loss of toss plus one game

Loss of toss plus two games

Loss of toss plus three games

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