



NEOTA – Community Tennis Development Committee Policies

Board Approved: 2017-11-12

Committee Purpose/Goal: To grow recreational tennis in the district.

The following are the policies of the Community Tennis and Development Committee:

- 1. Junior Team Tennis.** Purpose: Define the program regulations for players and coaches to ensure the program is implemented consistently.
 - 1.1. Regulations.** Coaches and players must follow all regulations set forth by the USTA National Committee, Midwest Sectional Committee and the NEOTA District Committee. The District and Section coordinators will educate them and help them do this.
 - 1.2. National Playoff Financial Support.** Each team advancing to National playoffs will be given \$1,000 to be used to pay entry fees. If entry fees are less than \$1,000, the remainder may be used to pay for incidentals that benefit the entire team.
- 2. Schools Program.** Purpose: Define program regulations for participants & coordinators to ensure the program is implemented consistently.
 - 2.1. Regulations.** Schools/Teachers must follow all regulations set forth by the National Committee, Midwest Committee and the District Committee. The District and Section coordinators will educate them and help them do this.
 - 2.2. In Service Days.** Teachers or School Districts interested in attending an in-service day must contact the Midwest Coordinator or the NEO Coordinator to sign up.
 - 2.3. Assemblies, Play Days, After School Programs and Kids Clubs.** These events must be registered by the Midwest Section Coordinator or the District Coordinator.
- 3. NEOTA High School League.** Purpose: Define program regulations for participating high schools to ensure the program is implemented consistently.
 - 3.1. Participation Requirements.**
 - 3.1.1. High Schools must have USTA Organization Memberships to participate.
 - 3.1.2. Organization Memberships must be obtained on or before the deadline set by the coordinator.
 - 3.1.3. Organization Memberships must be valid through the date of the last match.
 - 3.2. Determining Division Champions.** At the end of the season the team in each “Division” with the best record will receive a plaque as NEOTA acknowledgement of the accomplishment.
 - 3.3. League Schedule.**
 - 3.3.1. NEOTA High School League matches are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

3.3.2. When there is a possibility that a match will be postponed, the decision will be made by the home team. The home team will be responsible for calling the visiting coach in sufficient time if there is inclement weather, during which time, the match should be rescheduled.

3.3.2.1. If a match must be rescheduled and a mutually agreeable date cannot be established by both schools, the league coordinator must be notified within 24 hours of the dispute who will then choose the date for the match to be played.

3.3.3. A coach may claim default of any match or matches for which the player or players on the opposing team are more than ½ hour late without notification.

3.3.4. Schedule accommodations will only be made to accommodate religious holidays.

3.4. Regulations.

3.4.1. OHSAA Rules and Regulations for tennis are to be enforced at all NEOTA High School League matches: <http://ohsaa.org/>

3.4.2. Each team match consists of three (3) singles and two (2) doubles matches. Each match counts as one point.

3.4.3. The same players cannot play singles and doubles matches in the same match. Each player can play only singles or doubles, not both.

3.4.4. A team's coach or school representative must be present at all matches or the team will forfeit the match.

3.4.5. The home team is responsible for insuring a fair match, control over spectators, conditions of courts, etc.

3.4.6. New balls will be used for each dual match. The home team will furnish the balls to be used in the match. Two balls per court are sufficient. New balls need not be issued for a third set. If new balls will be used in the third set, this should be announced prior to commencing play and all third set play will receive new balls. This is not a player choice.

3.4.7. If for some reason a coach finds it necessary to protest a team match, he/she must notify the league coordinator within 24 hours from the conclusion of the match. The coordinator will then inform the committee, formed by the NEOTA President, which will first decide if the protest is valid and then arrive at a decision. The coaches involved will then be notified of the decision. The decision of the committee is final.

3.5. Score Reporting.

3.5.1. Both schools are responsible for reporting the match results within 24 hours of completing a match.

3.5.2. Scores must be emailed to the league coordinator.

3.5.3. Division, name of both teams, and the number of courts won/lost must be included when reporting scores.