

# TENNIS

## (BOYS AND GIRLS • ALL CLASSIFICATIONS)

### A. SEASON 2010-11

First day of Season: August 2, 2010  
Last Regular Season Contest Date: October 2, 2010

### B. PRESEASON

No restrictions on students.

### C. MINIMUM DAYS PRACTICE

Each participant must have a minimum of ten (10) different days of physical practice before his/her first day of competition.

### D. MEET LIMITATIONS

ASAA has no limitations on total number of meets allowed for either teams or individuals.

### E. MATCH COMPOSITION

Tennis teams are both single sex and co-ed. Singles, doubles and mixed matches are played.

### F. RULES

The United State Tennis Association (USTA) rules will be utilized with Alaska Rule modifications on scoring. At the state tournament, each team would score one point for each win towards the team championship. If there is a tie for first, both teams would be declared co-champions. Specific rules regarding 2 out of 3 and point maximums might be adopted for this tournament to fit within the time frame of two days.

### G. CONFERENCES

Tennis is an emerging sport in Alaska. Tennis teams are not currently categorized into conferences. Schools with tennis programs include the following:

#### ANCHORAGE

- Bartlett
- Chugiak
- Dimond
- Eagle River
- East Anchorage
- Service
- South Anchorage
- West Anchorage

#### FAIRBANKS

- Eielson
- Hutchison
- Lathrop
- Monroe Catholic
- North Pole
- West Valley

#### KODIAK ISLAND

- Kodiak

#### SOUTHEAST

- Juneau-Douglas

#### MULTI-REGION

- IDEA

### H. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Dates: October 8-9, 2010
2. Site Anchorage (Alaska Clubs East and North)
3. Berths to State
  - a. Each school will be invited to send one team of 8 individuals (4 boys and 4 girls) to the state tournament. In addition, each school may send one alternate boy and girl to the state tournament.
  - b. Any student enrolled full time in a member statewide correspondence program classified as 1A,2A,3A, or 4A may qualify for the state tournament by participating in a regional tournament if held in that area.
4. Seeding and Competitions
  - a. Each coach will be encouraged to submit a seeding form for any athlete they would like to have considered for seeding.
  - b. A committee appointed by ASAA of knowledgeable tennis individuals will seed each competition (M&W singles, M&W doubles, and Mixed doubles). Only 4 competitors per division will be seeded. The rest will then be randomly drawn into the 16 person bracket.
  - c. Seeding Criteria for Individual Players. The following criteria should generally be considered sequentially. If more than two players are being considered for a given seed, the same process is applied until one player is separated (either selected as seed, or eliminated.) The process returns to step 1 to assess the remaining players:
    - 1) **In-Season Head-to-Head Results**
      - 1a) win-loss record between players
      - 1b) percentage of sets won (all matches directly between players considered)
      - 1c) quality/decisiveness of wins between players, if split.
    - 2) **Out-of-Season Head-to-Head Results**  
Out-of-season matches includes matches played before the season started, or outside ASAA sanctioned events (e.g. senior tournaments held during the season.) Preference is given to sequence – matches played closer in time to the ASAA season are given greater weight.
    - 3) **Common Opponents**  
In general, apply 1a-1c criteria consider-

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ing all matches played between players under consideration and the common opponent(s).

## 4) **Notable Wins and Losses**

This criterion considers match results against players/teams other than common opponents included in criterion #3. Notable wins include those over generally-accepted strong players/teams who are not otherwise being considered for seeding in this event. Conversely, notable losses include those to players/teams who are generally considered significantly weaker than the teams being considered for seeding.

## 5) **Region Tournament Results**

Performance in a region tournament does not necessarily provide comparative data, but typically does indicate a minimum level of accomplishment. Preference is limited to those who reach at least the quarter-finals of their region tournament.

## 6) **Overall Season Win-Loss Record**

Due to the difference in number of matches each player may have in a season, a win-loss differential is more important than the raw win-loss record.

## 7) **Previous Year's State Tournament Results**

This preference is reserved for players who were champions or runners-up of the previous year's state tournament.

d. Seeding Criteria for Doubles. Seeding for doubles presents an additional challenge for strong teams that have not played many matches together, and thus do not have an extensive match resume. For those teams that do have match histories, the criteria for singles seeding should also be applied to doubles seeding. For teams that do not have match histories, the process will be more subjective, but should consider the following factors:

- 1) Doubles resumes with different partners (both players)
- 2) Singles resumes (both players)
- 3) Overall win-loss differential. In general, all else being equal, preference should be given to teams that have an established record playing together.

## 5. Officials

- a. There will be two certified head officials at each site. Games will be called by participants as is presently done during the season. A Board of Control will be created that includes one head official, Tournament Directors, and ASAA staff.

## 6. Awards

- a. First and second place trophies (one for each gender) and a USTA traveling trophy for the winning team to keep for one year.
- b. Eight individual medallions for each of first and second place team members. One medallion each for team manager and coach.
- c. Medals for the top four in each division (M&F singles, M&F doubles, Mixed Doubles)
- d. One Sportsmanship Award.
- e. Good Sport Team certificates and t-shirts for one girl and one boy from each team as selected by their coach.
- f. Academic Award (1) for the coed team with highest GPA over the previous semester.