ARTICLE 32:
Tennis

32.1 Tennis Format – USTA Rules and Regulations will guide the association.

32.1.1 The CAA staff will organize High school and Junior High competitions

32.1.2 These competitions will include:

31.2.1 Regular Season Team Competitions

Doubles

32.1.2.2 Regular Season Team Competitions.

32.1.2.3 State Championship Tournaments in Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Team.

32.1.3 Regular season competitions will consist of the following:

32.1.3.1 Dual events

32.1.3.2 Multiple school events

32.1.3.3 High school and Junior high events on Saturdays organized by CAA staff

32.2 Tennis Team structure

32.2.1. Schools may have as many competitors as it wants in individual competitions

32.2.1.1 Players competing in individual events will compete using the yearly CAA ranking system (see 32.3.1) and these rankings will be used to create competitive match pairings at all CAA Events.

32.2.1.2 Teams will consist of four singles players and two doubles teams.

32.2.1.3 Two points are awarded for the #1 player win.

32.3 Tennis Scoring and Ranking System

32.3.1 Player match results will be recorded weekly, and players will be ranked according to the CAA ranking system created by CAA staff and agreed upon by the schools participating in Tennis that school year.

32.3.1.1 The ranking system being used starting in 2022 is based on the NCAA Tennis ranking system.

32.3.2 HS rankings will be sent to the coaches and AD's for them to distribute to their team

32.3.3 JH rankings will be sent to the coaches and ADs for them to distribute to their team members.

32.3.4 The High School and Junior High team competition will be organized yearly by agreement of the schools participating in HS/JH Tennis that school year

32.4 Event Registration Guidelines

32.4.1 All schools will register their players for a regular season event with the event coordinator 4 days prior to the event.

32.4.2 Upon arrival at any tennis event, the coach and each player should register at the event scoring table.

32.4.3 For the High School team competition, coaches will assign their players for competition at the event with another school based on the agreed upon format established in section 32.3.4.

32.5 GAME TIME AND LATE ARRIVAL

32.5.1. The following CAA rules shall govern when a team or player arrives at the meet late:

32.5.1.1Match Time is Forfeit time.

32.5.2 All events run on a rolling meet schedule

32.5.3. Schools should call the hosting event coordinator if for some reason they will be late or not able to attend the competition at any given event.

32.6 COACHING - Refer to Article 4

32.7 Participation fees

32.7.1 Team season fee: Determined each year by the CAA Executive Board and posted on CAA website

32.7.2 Player meet fee: Determined each year by the CAA Executive Board and posted on CAA website

32.8 Regular Season Hosting

32.8.1 Any tennis event hosted by a member school should be certified by the CAA Tennis Director so the event can be put on the CAA tennis calendar.

32.8.2 Any tennis event hosted by the CAA will have an event coordinator and scoring coordinator.

32.8.3 Any tennis event should have a registration and scoring coordinator at a designated table.

32.9 Etiquette rules during play:

32.9.1 Any situation that needs an outside decision will be decided by an agreement of the two coaches of the teams involved in the match. If they cannot reach an agreement, then they will ask the remaining coaches in attendance to come to a decision. If it is a CAA staffed event, the official CAA event coordinator will make a final decision when necessary.

32.9.2 When players finish a tennis match, both players will go to the scoring supervisor table and report the match result.

32.9.3 Players will clean up the courts before leaving the facility

32.9.4 Players and coaches may go on an adjacent court, halfway to watch a teammate compete.

32.10 Sportsmanship and Ejections - Review Article 12

32.11 State Tennis Championships

32.11.1 To be eligible for the team and individual championships, a player or doubles partnership must register and play in a minimum number of matches (determined by yearly vote of the schools participating in tennis that school year) during regular season competitions.

32.11.1.1 Singles minimum games required is 5

32.11.1.2 Doubles minimum games required is 4

32.11.2 At the Team and Individual CAA State Championships, the CAA Tennis Director will act as the scoring supervisor with an assistant and will be the final decision on any issues that need a ruling.

32.11.3 All schools will register their players for a CAA State Championship event with the CAA event coordinator 4 days prior to the event.

32.11.4 The tennis rankings will be used to seed the CAA State HS and JH Individual tournaments.

32.11.5 The tennis rankings will be used to seed the CAA State HS and JH Doubles tournaments.

32.11.6 The tennis rankings will be used to seed the CAA State tournaments.

32.11.7 On a yearly basis, the CAA staff will determine the number of participants in each CAA State Championship category (HS/JH Boys/Girls in Singles, Doubles,).

32.11.8 CAA State Tennis tournament seedings for Team, singles, and doubles will be determined by a coach committee:

32.11.8.1 This committee will use the CAA Rankings for Team , Singles and Doubles: formulas used in Bound.

32.11.8.2 This committee will use the eligibility standards for Team, Singles and Doubles: formulas found in the Tennis 2025-26 Excel

32.11.8.3 This committee will also come to consensus on who should be seeded, by vote of the committee.

32.11.8.4 The JH committee will meet in person and by Zoom on February 17 at the CAA Offices.

32.11.8.5 The HS committee will meet in person and by Zoom on March 12 at the CAA Offices.

32.12 CAA State Tennis Team Tournament Trophies

32.12.1 CAA State Tennis Championship JH Team trophies for Boys and for Girls: 1st, 2nd

32.12.2 CAA State Tennis Championship HS Team trophies for Boys and for Girls: 1st, 2nd

32.13 CAA State Tennis Championship JH Singles and Doubles Awards for Boys and for Girls:

32.13.1 Level A: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

32.13.2 Level B: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

32.14 CAA State Championship HS Singles and Doubles Awards for Boys and for Girls:

32.14.1 Level A: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

32.14.2 Level B: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th