

To: Section IX Athletic Directors and Girls Varsity Tennis Coaches  
From: Selina M. DeCicco, Section IX Girls Tennis Coordinator  
Date: September 19, 2008  
Re: Section IX Girls Tennis Tournament

The 2008 Section IX Girls Varsity Tennis Tournament will be held at Sportsplex on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The emergency date is Friday if needed. Practice courts will be available from 8-8:45 AM. Coaches are asked to attend a brief meeting at 8:45 AM in the lounge for the purpose of discussing guidelines for the tournament. All players, coaches, officials and spectators will meet shortly thereafter to inform all athletes of necessary information.

To qualify for this event, athletes must finish in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> places in the MHAL tournament or 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> place in the OCIAA tournament. Competition in the Section IX Tournament shall be governed by the USTA and NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds of singles and doubles will be completed on Wednesday. The semi-finals, finals and “consolations” (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place), will be completed on Thursday.

No jewelry shall be worn during this event. Religious/medical medals must be taped to the body under the uniform if worn. Only proper tennis attire (team uniform) may be worn during play. If a team does not have a uniform, athletes will be expected to wear tennis skirts or shorts and white t-shirts. This attire is consistent with regulations set forth by the NYSPHSAA Tournament. All high school coaches must bring 2 new cans of “USTA Approved” tennis balls for each singles and doubles entry for the tournament (\* a 2<sup>nd</sup> can of balls may be needed in the event of reaching a 3<sup>rd</sup> tie-breaking set.)

Only one high school coach will be permitted on court to attend to their athlete(s). Spectators must remain quiet during matches at all times. Coaches are asked to supervise their athletes and spectators and to remind those attending to keep the facilities at Sportsplex in neat order throughout the tournament.

Finally, I congratulate all Section IX athletes who have competed during the season and wish you all the highest level of competition and outstanding sportsmanship! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Selina M. DeCicco, Section IX Girls Tennis Coordinator

\* Please note: The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Tournament will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at Eastside Racquet Club in Manlius, NY, (East Syracuse). Athletes who qualify for this event will be expected to depart with their respective coaches on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be made available during the Section IX Tournament. Lodging at the Holiday Inn for athletes and coaches of Section IX have been reserved for this tournament. Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (845)542-4765. Thank you.

