

To: Section IX Athletic Directors, MHAL and OCIAA League Coordinators
From: Urvashi Gupta/Luann McCarthy, Section IX Boys Tennis Co-Coordinators
Re: 2011 Section IX Boys Tennis Championship
Date: May 8,2011

Please share the information for the 2011 Section IX Boys Tennis Tournament with your Varsity Tennis coaches who will attend the Section IX qualifying tournaments, the MHAL and OCIAA Tennis Tournaments.

The 2011 Section IX Boys Tennis Championship is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24th and 25th at Orange County Community College in Middletown, NY. Rain date is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th. Athletes finishing as the top 8 singles and doubles teams in the MHAL Tournament and the OCIAA Tournament, will qualify to compete in the Section IX Singles and Doubles Championship. Coaches and players are expected to meet with the USTA officials and Section IX Coordinators/Tournament Directors at 8:45AM on Tuesday, May 24th to discuss rules and guidelines for the competition. Play will begin at 9AM on Tuesday and 2PM on Wednesday (this time may be moved up to 12PM). Practice courts will be available one hour before the start of the tournament each day. All rounds up to the semi-finals will be completed on Tuesday. The semi-final and final rounds in both singles and doubles will be played on Wednesday, May 25th. Athletes are expected to wear proper tennis attire which includes a team uniform, league or section shirt or white shirt. The NYSPHSAA jewelry rule and sportsmanship rule will be enforced. All singles and doubles teams must provide one USTA Approved can of tennis balls per match during the tournament. In case of a third set during a match, extra cans may be needed, so plan accordingly. One school coach will be permitted to coach only during "changeovers". No cheering/clapping is permitted during play in order to avoid interference with other matches. This will be enforced by coaches and officials at the tournament.

Upon completion of the Section IX Tournament, athletes finishing 1st-3rd place qualify to compete in the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Championship to be held on Thursday through Saturday, June 2 – June 4, 2011 at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center in Flushing, NY. Accommodations have been reserved for athletes and coaches at the Crowne Plaza in Queens, NY. All Section IX Athletes who compete at the state tournament must complete a Commitment to Compete and Code of Conduct Form in order to compete. These documents must be signed by the athlete, supervising coach and parent or guardian prior to the NYSPHSAA Championship. These forms will be provided at the Section IX Tournament as well as information on the NYSPHSAA Championships.

If you have any questions in regard to the above please feel free to contact one of us by email at lmccarthy@pjschools.org or ugupta@K12mcsd.net. We look forward to seeing a high level of competition and we are committed to providing the best opportunity for all the high school athletes who participate in Boys Section IX Tennis.

Good luck to all.

Respectfully

Urvashi Gupta/Luann McCarthy – Section IX Boys Tennis Co-Coordinators