

To: Section IX Athletic Directors, MHAL and OCIAA League Coordinators  
From: Gina Imperiale, Section IX Girls Tennis Coordinator  
Re: 2019 Section IX Girls Tennis Championship  
Date: June 25, 2019

Please share the following information with your Girls Varsity Tennis coach and athletes should they qualify for the 2019 Section IX Girls Tennis Championship.

The 2019 Section IX Girls Tennis Championship is tentatively scheduled for 10 AM on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Match Point Tennis, located at Goshen Sports Complex on 1717 Route 17M in Goshen, NY. Only the athletes who finish as the top 8 in singles or doubles from either the MHAL or OCIAA tournament (the “quarter-finalists”), will qualify to compete at the 2019 Section IX Girls Tennis Championship. All singles and doubles qualifiers must provide one *USTA Approved* can of tennis balls to participate in the tournament. (*An extra can of tennis balls may be needed should a match reach the third set so coaches are asked to plan accordingly.*) Practice courts are available from 9-9:45 AM each day during the tournament. Prior to starting competition, coaches will meet to review tournament rules and guidelines at 9:45 AM with an introduction to all participants, the USTA Tournament Referee, Athletic Trainer, and Section IX Coordinator/Tournament Committee. Each participant may have their high school Board of Education approved coach at courtside to allow for coaching during regulation “changeovers”. (As a reminder, coaching is not permitted after the 1st game of any set.) Clapping and cheering is considered a hindrance and is not permitted during play. All in attendance are expected to participate with exemplary sportsmanship in order to promote the highest level of competition. All rounds up to the semi-finals will be completed on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, while medal rounds for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place are scheduled for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. High school, league or sectional tennis uniforms are approved as “proper tennis attire” by Section IX and NYSPHSAA tournament officials. Non-marking tennis shoes must also be worn. The NYSPHSAA Jewelry rule, Sportsmanship rule and Spectator rule will be enforced throughout competition.

Upon completion of the Section IX Girls Tennis Championship, athletes who finish 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place will qualify for the 2018 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championship tentatively scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Tri-City Tennis in Latham, NY. All NYSPHSAA qualifiers are expected to complete a “Commitment to Compete” document before the NYSPHSAA Championship Seeding Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This document will be distributed to our Section IX qualifiers by Coordinator Gina Imperiale at the Section IX Championship.

**Accommodations will be made for our section athletes and coaches who qualify for the NYSPHSAA Championship as soon as the post season schedule is finalized. Lodging is will tentatively be made at the Comfort Inn or Century House in Latham, NY 12110 at 981 New Loudon Road; Cohoes, NY 12047. All participants are expected to arrive on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for check-in. Billing for Section IX lodging will be sent to the participating high schools once it is itemized after the state tournament..**

**Transportation and meals are the sole responsibility of each participating high school. Participants are expected to consult with their athletic directors for these expenses.**

If you have any questions in regards to the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships, please feel free to contact me by email or phone at [gimperiale@necsd.net](mailto:gimperiale@necsd.net) and/or (814)883-7038. As the Section IX Girls Tennis Coordinator, I look forward to exceptional performance by our section athletes and coaches as they complete the post-season championships.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Gina Imperiale, Section IX Girls Tennis Coordinator