

2019 Section IX Girls Tennis Championship Packet

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Tuesday 10/22/19 and Wednesday 10/23/19 (semifinals and finals)

Match Point Tennis in Goshen Sports Complex; Goshen, NY 10924

***2019 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championship- (*TBA) *Tentative schedule:**

November 2nd -November 4th, 2019 at Tri-City Tennis; Latham, NY

I. 2019 SECTION IX GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP:

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE-*Coaches representing the OCIAA and MHAL will be available during the tournament to assist Section Coordinator Gina Imperiale and Assistant Coordinator Urvashi Gupta should conflicts occur during competition.*

TENNIS BALLS-Each singles participant or doubles team must provide a new can of USTA Approved Tennis Balls for each match. An additional can of balls may be needed after split sets. The winner of each match should be granted the unused can of balls for the next round of play.*

WARM-UPS-The first round of play will include a ten-minute warm-up to be timed by the USTA officials and/or sectional coaches. There will be a five-minute warm-up for all remaining matches. There will be a rest period of 60 minutes between all rounds for singles and doubles competition when regular or modified scoring is used.*

SCORING-The tournament committee will determine the format of scoring for all rounds of the sectional tournament which may include:*

**regular scoring (2 of 3 Tie-break sets with ad, and a 12-point Tie-breaker at 6-6); or*

**modified scoring, such as (2 of 3 Tie-break sets with no-ad, and a 12-point tie-breaker at 6-6; and/or a "super" 10-point tie-breaker, in lieu of a 3rd set for both singles and doubles)*

PROPER TENNIS ATTIRE-All athletes must wear proper tennis attire throughout competition in both the sectional and state championship events, which may include a team/league/sectional uniform or white shirt.*

USTA RULES-Coaches and USTA officials are expected to enforce all USTA rules, as well as to monitor foot-faults, throughout competition. Officials will be roving umpires for early rounds of competition. Concerns of violations of any kind should be brought to the attention of the USTA Officials and the tournament director/section coordinator.*

NYSPHSAA JEWELRY RULE-The NYSPHSAA Jewelry rule is in effect in the section and state competition. Medical and religious medals must be taped if not removed.*

SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES-Spectators are reminded to view the matches while promoting sportsmanship. All participants, coaches and spectators are expected to refrain from clapping/cheering to avoid causing a hindrance for competition on adjacent courts. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected by all participants, coaches and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.*

CELL PHONES-All cell-phones and electronic devices are to be silenced during competition. Any interference will be considered a hindrance.*

COACHING-One High School/Board of Education approved coach representing each singles participant or doubles team will be permitted to sit at courtside and coach during regulation changeovers.*

AWARDS-All athletes will receive a medal for participation in the Section IX Girls Tennis Championship in singles and doubles. Singles and Doubles Champions will also receive a plaque for their high school. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the singles and doubles teams who place 1st – 3rd place, respectively, and will qualify for the 2019 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Girls Tennis State Championship on November 2nd – 4th, 2019.*

II. 2019 NYSPHSAA GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

NYSPHSAA Championship Information Packet-Please visit NYSPHSAA.org at Girls Tennis for more information by reviewing the Championship Information Packet.*

LODGING-(*TBA)Tentative Lodging Plans are as follows: Section IX athletes will who qualify for the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championships are expected to arrive at the (Comfort Inn/Century House on Friday, November 1st, 2019 after 3 PM. **This hotel is located at 981 New Loudon Road, Cohoes, NY 12047 and their telephone number is (518)785-0000.** All reservations for Section IX coaches and athletes will be made by Section Coordinator, Gina Imperiale. The high schools in Section IX will be billed for the lodging of each of their athletes and coaches. The reservation includes a 3- night stay from November 1st, 2019 (check-in), through November 4th, 2019 (check-out). High Schools will not be billed for nights not used in the reservation if check-out time is made prior to the standard billing deadlines. Coaches are asked to message Section Coordinator, Gina Imperiale, upon check-out so that she may validate the appropriate charges for your stay.*

COMMITMENT TO COMPETE FORM-This document must be completed prior to competition at the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships with appropriate signatures by the participant's high school coach, athletic director, athlete and parent/guardian. All forms must be returned to Section IX Coordinator, Gina Imperiale, prior to the NYSPHSAA seeding meeting, scheduled for November 1st, 2019.*

***NYSPHSAA SEEDING MEETING-** (*TBA) Tentative plans for the seeding meeting with NYSPHSAA Section Coordinators is Friday, November 1st, 2019 at 7 PM at the Century House in Latham. All participating athletes and coaches are expected to provide any information to their respective section coordinator in order to make every opportunity to provide current USTA ranking and tournament history information that may be helpful in seeding for the tournament. The “Commitment to Compete” form must be submitted to the Section IX Coordinator, Gina Imperiale, before the seeding meeting begins. All coaches must submit this original document with appropriate signatures in order for athletes to participate in the NYSPHSAA Championship.

***PLAYERS’ WELCOME MEETING-** (*TBA) All participants, coaches, section coordinators, and USTA roving officials are expected to attend a brief introduction at 8:30 AM, prior to the start of competition at Tri-City Tennis in Latham, NY. All matches will begin indoors at 9 AM each day of competition. On Sunday, November 3rd, 2019, the singles and doubles quarterfinals and semifinals along with the remaining rounds of the singles and doubles consolation draw will be completed. The NYSPHSAA finals and medal rounds for the main draw for 1st – 4th places will be completed on Monday, November 4th, 2019 beginning at 9 AM.

***SCORING-**All matches in the main draw will use regular scoring throughout the championship. Coaching will be allowed at the 5th game changeover.

***COACHING-**Coaching by an official section coach is allowed during regulation changeovers.

***BYES-**Players with first round byes will be scheduled first in the second round.

***SOUVENIR VENDOR-**CP Sportswear will be the souvenir vendor.

***DINING-** Dining for athletes will be the sole responsibility of their supervising coach in Section IX. The sectional team may plan meals together as the tournament schedule permits. All expenses for meals are the responsibility of the home school and/or athlete. Please consult your athletic director for dining expenses and remind each athlete to save all receipts for meal expenses to be submitted to your athletic director. Coaches should ask their AD to bring tax-exempt forms from their home school office to defer additional costs of tax.

***MEDALS & AWARDS-**Participants who finish in 1st- 8th place in the main draw of the NYSPHSAA Championship will receive a medal. All NYSPHSAA State Champions will receive a championship t-shirt. One athlete from each section, who exemplifies sportsmanship, will be the recipient of a sportsmanship shirt as the NYSPHSAA Good Sport Award for their display of outstanding sportsmanship throughout the 2019 tennis season.

***TENNIS BALLS**-Tennis balls are provided by NYSPHSAA for the 2019 Championship event.

*****If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Section IX Coordinator, Gina Imperiale, immediately by email at gimperiale@necsd.net or by phone or text at (814)883-7038.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Gina Imperiale, Section IX Girls Tennis Coordinator