

Section II Handbook



2009 Sectional Semifinalists and Coaches

2010

NYS PHSAA BOYS TENNIS

Coaches List Updated 3/26

This tennis handbook has been prepared to provide information and guidelines for Section II Boys' Tennis competition. All coaches and athletic directors are urged to read this handbook. Although dates will change from year to year, most of the information will remain constant. Coaches should pay special attention to the sections regarding eligibility rules, number of practices prior to scrimmages, sites/location, etc. Coaches are also reminded that boys must wear school uniforms to all Section II matches including individual matches through the State Championships.

Special Notes:

- 1) The start date for team sectionals is dependent on the number of teams.
- 2) The letter of intent is due Friday April 29, 2010. These letters may be mailed to Stanley France PO Box 773 Middleburgh, NY or faxed to his attention at (518) 295-8449.
- 3) The Section II seeding meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 6 at 6 p.m. This meeting will be held at a location to be determined..
- 4) The league chairman will be responsible to collect all team and individual entries on white 3"x 5" cards and have them available at the seeding meeting. The team's **starting lineup** should be submitted to the league chairman along with the team entry.
- 5) League matches take precedence over non-league matches.

INTRODUCTION

This handbook has been reorganized to reflect the Section Two tournament structure. Changes have also been made to clarify resolution procedures for certain situations and for changes to the tournaments structures. Comments and suggestions are always welcome and can be provided to the Tennis Committee through the Coordinator.

Section 2 provides two (2) post-season tournaments for Boys' Tennis, team and individual.

Team Sectionals

This tournament is an open sectional for the school's complete tennis team (regardless of the season record). A champion will be determined for Class AA, Class A, Class B, and Class C/D schools. Schools are expected to play in their class. If a school wishes to play at a higher level, they should so notify the section coordinator prior to the beginning of the tennis season. Schools participating in this tournament should expect to play Saturday matches. The league chairperson is responsible for checking the tennis record.

Individual Sectionals

This tournament determines a singles and a doubles champion for Section II. Three singles players and three doubles team winners go to the state tournament (nine boys). Each school is allowed to send up to six players to the section tournament. Coaches are asked to send only players who they feel can be successful and competitive in this tournament. A school may not exceed 2 singles or two doubles teams unless those players finish in the top three of a league tournament.

No one is allowed to play if the white 3"x5" card is not entered with the league chairperson on or before the seeding meeting.

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Individual Sectional Tennis Tournament is canceled for inclement weather (or any other reason), please contact your league chairperson.

Best wishes for a good season.

SECTION II BOYS' TENNIS COMMITTEE

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All entries, scores and questions regarding team and individual sectionals should be directed to your league chairperson listed above. Independent teams and individuals (not belonging to a league) should forward their entries to the Section II Coordinator.

SECTION II BOYS TENNIS LEAGUES

Big Ten

Albany
Amsterdam
CBA
Lasalle
Schenectady
Troy

Colonial

Academy of Holy Names
Albany Academy
Cobleskill Richmondville
Cohoes
Ravena
Schalmont
Schoharie
Voorheesville
Waterford
Watervliet

Foothills

Glens Falls
Gloversville
Hudson Falls
Johnstown
Queensbury
Scotia-Glenville
South Glens Falls

Patroon

Cairo-Durham
Catskill
Chatham
Coxsackie-Athens
Hudson
Ichabod Crane
Maple Hill
Rensselaer

Suburban

Averill Park
Bethlehem
Burnt Hills
Colonie
Columbia
Guilderland
Mohonasen
Niskayuna
Saratoga
Shaker
Shenendehowa
Ballston Spa

Adirondack

Argyle
Corinth
Granville
Greenwich
Hadley-Luzerne
Johnsburg
Lake George
North Warren
Schuylerville
Warrensburg
Whitehall

Section II Coaches *Note: Please email corrections to stanleyfrance@gmail.com*

School	Class	League	Coach	Phone	Email
Albany Academy	A	Colonial	Tony Fruscio	542-5008	
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Amsterdam	A	Big Ten	Rictel Vonehr	399-4598	rvonehr@gasd.org
Argyle	C/D	Adirondack	Doug Armstrong	638-8482	armstrong_d@argylecsd.org
Averill Park	A	Suburban	Dick Abbatello	674-2471	
Ballston Spa	AA	Suburban	Mike Spensieri	885-4753	
Bethlehem	AA	Suburban	Steve Smith	788-8176	smitshs@bcasd.neric.org
Burnt Hills	A	Suburban	Karen Layton	399-2361	Klayton@bhbl.org
Cairo-Durham	B	Patroon	Jon Spear	734-6162	joncreighton49@hotmail.com
Catskill	B	Patroon	James Gundenstern	943-4096	
Chatham	C/D	Patroon	Barbara Rosenthal	392-3123	
Christian Brothers	A	Big Ten	Roman Rokocz	698-4330	Roman.g.rakoczy@usace.army.mil
Cobleskill	B	Colonial	Jamie Bautochka	231-6658	bautochkaj@crcs.k12.ny.us
Colonie	AA	Suburban	J.David Conway	357-0462	
Columbia	AA	Suburban	William Bouck	463-1062	
Corinth	C/D	Adirondack	Scott Sprague	654-2933	spragues@corinthcsd.com
Coxsackie-Athens	C/D	Patroon	Anthony Patsky	945-1891	
Doane Stuart	D	Independent	Larry Yakubowski	439-4423	lyakubowski@yahoo.com
Glens Falls	A	FootHills	Suzanne Leyden	793-3148	
Gloversville	A	FootHills	Michael Bruce	725-4432	
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Hadley-Luzerne	C/D	Adirondack	Jack Conway	793-8761	conwayj@hics.org
Hudson Falls	B	FootHills	Joe Casey	681-4421	jcasey@hfsd.org
Hudson High	B	Patroon	Rocco Perecca	821-8070	
Ichabod Crane	B	Patroon	Frank Durkin	732-4788	fdurkin@gmail.com
Johnsburg	C/D	Adirondack	Heather Butler	251-3002	hbutler@johnsburgcsd.org
Johnstown	B	FootHills	George Werle	332-1455	grgwerle@yahoo.com
Lake George	C/D	Adirondack	Nora Buck	796-1315	buckn@lkgeorge.org
Lasalle	B	Big Ten	Todd Crandall	495-1838	tcrandall@lasalleinstitute.org
Maple Hill	C/D	Patroon	Dave Austin	732-0109	
Middleburgh	C/D	Independent	Q Jones	231-3630	qjones@middleburgh.k12.ny.us
Mohonasen	A	Suburban	Dick Usher	861-6399	
Niskayuna	AA	Suburban	Jim Neal	461-2185	
North Warren	C/D	Adirondack	Poul Carstensen	791-6776	pocarstensen@northwarren.k12.ny.us
Queensbury	A	FootHills	Dan Nizolek	745-1523	
Ravena	B	Colonial	Jennifer Patnode	669-3502	jpatnode@rcscsd.org
Rensselaer	C/D	Patroon	Robert Stranahan	438-0490	
Saratoga Springs	AA	Suburban	Rich Johns	587-5965	
Schalmont	B	Colonial	Jeff Van Huesen	355-6255x3050	jvanhoes@sabrenet.net
Schenectady High	AA	Big Ten	Justin Hoffman	210-9670	hoffmanj@schenectady.k12.ny.us
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Shaker	AA	Suburban	Jerry Cuva	463-0707	gcuva001@nycaps.rr.com
Shenendehowa	A	Suburban	Gene Gould	399-8283	genegould45@aol.com
South Glens Falls	A	FootHills	Michael Dannier	581-8984	
Troy	A	Big Ten	Ed Guttierrez	371 – 0270	Mrg4242@yahoo.com
Voorheesville	C/D	Colonial	Tom Kurkjian	210-2268	kurkjians12205@yahoo.com
Warrensburg	C/D	Adirondack	Terri Palermo	623-2861 x228	palemot@wscsd.org
Waterford	C/D	Colonial	Terry Stoliker		
Watervliet	C/D	Colonial	Denise Lane	456-1915	dlane@vliet.neric.org
Whitehall	C/D	Adirondack	Charlie Bascue	499-1770	

Section II Boys Tennis Events
2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March Preseason Practice				
April - League	Play			
				April 30 Letter of Intent Due Fax 518-295-8449
			May 6 Seeding Meeting Site TBD	
	May 11 AA Team Sectionals 1 st Round	May 12 A-C/ D Team Sectionals 1 st Round	May 13 Team Sectionals	May 14 Team Sectionals Finals
	May 18 Individual Sectionals	May 19 Individual Sectionals	May 20 Individual Sectionals	May 21 Individual Sectionals
			June 3 States - National Tennis Center	June 4 States - National Tennis Center

Section II Sectional Tournament Entries

A Letter of Intent must be submitted by the school to the Section Coordinator. The Letter of Intent is good for both team and individual sectionals.

All entries must be submitted to your league chairperson on **white 3"x 5" index cards only** before the seeding meeting. This information will not be accepted by phone, e-mail or facsimile. Each card/entry must contain the following information as shown below:

Singles or Doubles Entry
(3"x5" card sample)

School Name _____ Coach _____

1st Singles Player _____

(Note: Separate cards are required for 2nd singles player, 3rd singles player, as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd doubles teams.)



Team Entry
(Sample 3"x5" index card)

School _____ League _____ Class _____

Coach _____ Telephone # _____

League Record _____

TEAM SECTIONALS

1. Eligibility: A team must have played six matches by the date of the beginning of the Tournament. Although the tournament is open, a coach should use his/his discretion when entering a team. (All individuals participating must have played in six matches.) A Letter of Intent must have been submitted to the Section Coordinator and an index card as described above provided to the League Coordinator.
2. Classification: All schools are invited to participate, but there will be four classifications, or four separate draws: AA, A, B, C/D.
3. Seeding
Seeding are determined by the Section Tennis committee the week prior to the beginning of sectionals. League chairpersons or their representative only are allowed at the seeding meeting.
 - (a) Class AA and A teams will be seeded according to league records (and strength of league/schedule) and then placed on the draw sheet so that 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, etc.
 - (b) Class B teams are encouraged to play as many inter-league games as possible so that seedings may be determined.
 - (c) Class C/D teams will be arranged to play teams they have not played before since the draw is so small.
4. Match Play: AA's will play six singles and three doubles, with no repeats. A-C/D will play five singles and two doubles, with no repeats.

Individual matches will be the best-of-three AD sets with a 12-point tiebreaker at a 6-6 game score. All individual matches are to be played out to their conclusion, regardless of the team score.
5. Line Up: **Prior to the seeding meeting, each coach shall submit their line-up to their league chairperson.** Any change from earlier matches must be explained to their league chairperson. The following should be used to establish a team's line up.
 - (a) A team's lineup is to be played in the order of their ability.
 - (b) A team's lineup is to be determined by challenge matches.

- (c) Using the example of a team which plays five singles and two doubles:
 - 1. A coach should first determine the best five singles players by challenges,
 - 2. Then allow his doubles combinations to play off to determine their order.
- (d) Any changes are to be made on results of challenge matches.
- (e) In the case of an injury or illness an adjustment would have to be made:
 - 1. Singles Example: (Five singles and two doubles) If any player in the singles lineup, except No. 5, is out, then the lineup must all shift upward one notch. A substitute can then be placed in the No. 5 spot. Your doubles teams can remain the same.
 - 2. Doubles Example: If a doubles player is injured or ill, a substitution for that player, for that match, is allowed. The order of your doubles teams should remain the same. If the player is going to remain out of the lineup, then the coach should have the new doubles team play-off with the established one to make sure they are playing in the order of their ability during any future matches.
- (f) Penalty. Where the Tennis Committee determines that a coach deliberately improperly substituted or did not follow these line up guidelines the penalty shall be forfeiture of the match to the other school.

6. Sites: Only finals will be played at neutral sites. All other matches will be at the home site of the higher seeded team. In the event of a large amount of travel, (i.e., Johnstown at Queensbury) a neutral site will be arranged by the Section Chairperson. No sectional matches will be played on split courts. The Sectional Coordinator will arrange sites to be used for finals. No site changes may be made with authorization from the Sectional Coordinator.

7. Starting Time: Sectional matches are normally scheduled to start at 3:00. By mutual agreement of the coaches and schools this time may be altered to accommodate travel times and other considerations. Should a visiting team not be able to arrive

on time, a courtesy call to the other coach is appropriate. No penalties for a late arrival are assessed.

8. Conditions: Player safety is the primary determinate of acceptable conditions. Coaches should be prepared to wait until it is apparent that playing the match will not be possible. Every attempt should be made to get courts in playable condition and insure sufficient warm up time is available before play begins.
9. Tennis Balls: The home team will furnish one new can of tennis balls per individual match. At a neutral site, the higher seeded team will provide one less can of tennis balls than the opponent. Schools provide all balls, Section II will not provide any tennis balls.
10. Warm Ups In the interest of fairness visiting teams must be allowed sufficient time to warm up as a team prior to the start of a match.
11. Dress Code: School uniforms must be worn for all Section II team and individual matches. In case of cold weather, uniforms must be worn under warm-ups (which should be as close to school colors as possible). For example, if your school colors are orange and black, team members should not wear green warm-ups. No jewelry may be worn.
12. Coaching: Play shall be continuous from the first serve until the match is concluded, unless the match goes three sets. (There may be a 10-minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets.) Coaching will be allowed as follows;
- (a) On all changeovers for 90 seconds (except after the 1st game of a set when players are not allowed to sit)
 - (b) Between the 1st and 2nd sets for two minutes
 - (c) Between the 2nd and 3rd set for 10 minutes
 - (d) Only the head coach may coach
 - (e) While the players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, or anyone else
13. Reporting Scores: The **winner** of a team match should call the contact person of their representative class the night of completion of the match. This is necessary to organize the next day's matches.

Home schools are responsible for reporting scores promptly to the Schenectady Gazette (395-3070) Albany Times Union (454-5414) and Troy Record (272-2985). Matches are not official until scores are reported in these

newspapers.

14. Protests: Any "situation" questions should be directed to the Section II Coordinator.
- (a) If, during a match, a coach feels that a line-up change or other situation should be protested, he must inform the opposing coach immediately at the match that it is being protested. Both coaches and officials, if present, should note the issue of disagreement.
 - (b) However, if the protest involves a line-up change, the protest may be lodged up to 24 hours after the results of the sectional team match appear in the *Schenectady Gazette*, *Times Union* or the *Troy Record*.
 - (c) The protest should be lodged with the Sectional Coordinator who will consult with all persons involved to determine whether or not the situation may be protested and attempt to resolve the conflict to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.
 - (d) In the even the Coordinator cannot resolve the protest, the Section II Tennis Committee will be informed of the details of the protest. The Section II Tennis Committee will come to a decision and within 24 hours render the judgment in writing to all parties involved.
 - (e) If a Section II Tennis Committee member is from one of the schools involved in the protest, the committee member will not be involved in the resolution of the protest.
15. Awards: Team plaques will be awarded to both Finalists in each draw. Individual Section II patches will be awarded to members of semifinal and final teams.

INDIVIDUAL SECTIONALS

1. Eligibility: A player is eligible only if he has represented his school in six scheduled matches by the date of the tournament. A Letter of Intent must have been submitted to the Section Coordinator and index cards as described above provided to the League Coordinator for each singles player and doubles team.
2. Participants: Each school may send up to two singles players and two doubles teams. Should a school win the top three or four places in a league tournament they may all participate. Schools should only send players with a chance of competing.
4. Site: All play of the Section II Individual Tournament will take place at Central Park, Schenectady, NY. In the event of rain matches may be postponed or played indoors at Sportime in Schenectady. Check with your league coordinator.

•Note: At all match sites cleaning up of your area is imperative! Please be courteous and leave your site in good condition. Look around and discard all unwanted materials and take your personal belongings with you.

4. Format: First and second round play (and possibly the 3rd round, depending on the number in the draw) will consist of 10 game pro sets with add scoring to move into the next round. (12-point tiebreaker at 10-10) Should the first round be played indoors no-Add scoring will be used for that round only. Remaining rounds will be best of three ad sets, 12-point tiebreaker at 6-6. Semifinals and finals will be regular scoring. Each singles player and each doubles team is to bring a **new can of tennis balls** to the individual tournament. The winner of the match will take the unopened can for the next round.
5. Seeding: USTA rules will serve as guidelines in making the draws. Once a draw is made, no substitution will be allowed except in the case of illness. In this case, a person not originally scheduled to play may be substituted into the draw.

Seeding are determined by the Section Tennis committee the week prior to the beginning of sectionals. League chairpersons or their representative only are allowed at the seeding meeting.

6. Coaching: No coaching is allowed during the pro sets. Rules for coaching described for team sectionals apply for semifinals and finals.
7. Warm Ups: In the interest of fairness and to keep players in academic activities, participating individuals may not warm-up or practice on the courts of the site being used on the day of their match prior to their scheduled court time. Match warm up times may be increased if conditions warrant.
8. Late Penalties: Players are responsible for being available for their matches when the match is called. USTA regulations will be followed with the exceptions that;
 - (a) A player will not be defaulted if in the judgment of the Tennis Committee the schedule is not significantly disrupted to impact other players or
 - (b) The players absence is determined by the Tennis Committee to be an outside of their or the school district's control.
9. Dress Code: School uniforms must be worn for all Section II team and individual matches. In case of cold weather, uniforms must be worn under warm-ups (which should be as close to school colors as possible). For example, if your school colors are orange and black, team members should not wear green warm-ups. No jewelry may be worn.
10. Awards: Section II patches will be awarded to all winners, runners-up and semifinalists.
11. State Tournament Three singles players and three doubles teams will comprise the Section II Team that competes in the State Tournament.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship for Players

The point penalty system has been a part of the USTA Guidelines that govern Section II tennis activities. In matches without officials, coaches shall enforce the point penalty system. In all cases if a coach witnesses a violation, he/he must stop that match and warn the offending players as well as inform the opposing coach. In matches with officials, the officials will be responsible for enforcing the point penalty system. (See Point Penalty System)

Sportsmanship for Spectators

The following are guidelines that appear in the USTA publication entitled "Guide to Teaching Sportsmanship"

- 1. Never cheer or clap when either player makes an error. Cheering and clapping is appropriate for all positive plays.**
- 2. Applause is considered acceptable, but such things as football style cheers or cheers that are disguised coaching are considered poor sportsmanship.**
- 3. Learn to applaud good shots from each player.**
- 4. Spectators will never get involved in a match! They will never suggest, by word or action, that a call is correct or incorrect. They will not offer suggestions when players are unsure of the score.**
- 6. Spectators will not attempt to coach a player during a match.**
- 7. Spectators will stay a comfortable distance from the fences around the tennis courts.**
- 8. Friends, children, teammates, or parents are not permitted on the court at any time.**

THE POINT PENALTY SYSTEM

1. The purposes of the system are: (1) to deter unsportsmanlike conduct and (2) to ensure compliance with the continuous play rule. The objective of the Point Penalty System is not to punish but to secure compliance with the rules.
2. A penalty on a member of a doubles team is considered to have been imposed on the team.
3. All penalties under the point penalty system are treated as though the points or games actually had been played so far as serving order and court occupancy are concerned.
4. If both players (teams) are equally responsible for delay during a match, any penalty will be imposed upon the server.
5. A game penalty during a game means the loss of the game in progress, regardless of the point score at the time; there is no carry-over of points to the next game. A penalty imposed between games or prior to the start of a match will apply to the next point or game scheduled to be played.
6. A point penalty is scored as though the player had played and lost what would have been the next point.
7. A player who is the beneficiary of a penalty imposed upon his opponent may not, in the best interests of the game, decline to accept any more than he could decline to accept a point for a double fault by his opponent. A player who disobeys the instructions of an official in such a case is himself liable to be defaulted.
8. No abuse of players and officials:
 - (a) No person shall abuse an official or player. The official shall make certain that no parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player abuses an official or player.
 - (b) A player consents to being penalized under the point penalty system for abusive conduct by a person who appears to be associated with the player. If the official observes such conduct, he/he shall suspend play and request that the person desist. If the abuse continues, he/he may direct the person to leave the playing area. In flagrant case the official may immediately direct the person to leave without requesting him/his to desist.

- (c) If the person refuses to follow the instructions to leave, then the official may penalize the player associated with the person under the Point Penalty System.

9, Intentional Violations may be assessed for the following;

- (a) Intentional delay after warm-up or between points.
- (b) Intentional violation of the 90-second rule.
- (c) Not resuming play after natural loss of condition.
- (d) Prolonging an argument longer than 30 seconds after having been directed to resume play. If any time violation has been penalized, the passage of an additional 30 seconds is the basis for an additional penalty.
- (e) Audible or visible obscenity or profanity.
- (f) Abuse of racket, balls or equipment.
- (g) Verbal or physical abuse of a player or official.
- (h) Unsportsmanlike conduct.

10. Intentional Violations will be penalized as follows:

- (a) First Offense.....warning**
- (b) Second Offense.....Point**
- (c) Third Offense.....Default**

11. Unintentional Violations. Except after an injury or after natural loss of condition, and in lieu of utilizing the schedule of penalties shown above, the officials shall penalize unintentional time violations for;

- (a) Unintentional delay after warm-up or between points.
- (b) Unintentional violation of the 90-second rule.

12. Unintentional Violations will be penalized as follows:

- (a) First Offense.....Warning
- (b) Each additional Violation....One Point Penalty

Guidelines For Player Responsibility In Matches Without Umpires

The following items answer the most common questions that come up in non-umpired matches:

1) Calls

- (a) Opponent gets benefit of the doubt. When in doubt about whether a ball is in or out, the player shall make the call in favor of his opponent. If the player has any doubt about whether his opponent's ball is out, he shall call it good. A let shall not be played.
- (b) Disagreement over call between partners. If a player and his partner disagree about whether their opponent's ball was out, they shall call it good.
- (c) Player makes calls on his side of the net. A player shall make the calls on his side of the net.
- (d) Visible or audible out calls. No matter how obvious it is to a player that his opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to an audible or visible out call.
- (e) Instantaneous calls. A player shall make all calls instantly but not until the ball has hit the court. This means making the call either before the opponent has had the opportunity to play the ball or before the player's shot has gone out of play.
- (f) Instantaneous calls and the two chance rule. The requirement of making an instantaneous call is designed to eliminate the "two chance" option. For example, the server is advancing to the net for an easy put away when he sees a ball from an adjoining court rolling towards him/her. If the server wants to claim a let he must do so immediately. She may not wait until after he has hit the ball. Once he hits the ball he loses the right to claim a let even if the distraction caused by the ball causes him/his to miss the shot.

- (g) Player calls against himself any ball that is clearly out. If requested, a player shall help his opponent on a call. A player shall call against himself any ball that is clearly out.
- (h) Correcting out call to good. If a player mistakenly calls a ball out and then realizes that it was good, the point shall be replayed if he returned the ball to his opponent's court. If the player failed to make the return, his opponent wins the point. If the mistake was made on a second serve, the server is entitled to two serves.
- (i) How to question an opponent about his call. A player may ask his opponent about his call by the query: "Are you sure of your call?" No further delay or discussion is permitted. If the opponent reaffirms that the ball was out, his call shall be accepted. If the opponent is uncertain, he loses the point.
- (j) Requesting help of opponent. A player may ask his opponent about a call that is the player's responsibility. If the opponent gives his opinion, it shall be accepted. If neither player has an opinion, then the ball is considered good.
- (k) Spectators should not be asked to make a call. A player shall never ask a spectator to make a call.
- (l) Touches, hitting ball before it crosses net, invasion of opponent's court, double-hits, and double bounces. A player shall call against himself:
 - a ball touching him/his;
 - his touching of the net;
 - his touching of his opponent's court;
 - his hitting a ball before it crosses the net;
 - deliberate carries and double hits; and
 - double bounces.
- (m) Through and balls hit into the ground before traveling over the net. A player shall make the ruling on a ball that his opponent hits through the net and on a ball that his opponent hits into the ground before it goes over the net.

2) Serves, Foot Faults, Service Lets, and Service Returns

- (a) Practice serves. Service practice by all players shall be completed before the first service of the match. A player shall not practice return of serves on his opponent's serves. If a player has completed his practice serves, he should return his opponent's practice serves directly to his opponent.

- (b) Server's request for third ball. The receiver shall comply with the server's request to have three balls in his hand before the start of a point unless the third ball is some distance away and retrieving it then would result in prolonged delay.
- (c) Foot faults. A player may warn his opponent that the opponent has committed a flagrant foot fault. If the foot-faulting continues, the player should ask his coach or a tournament official to address the situation. If no assistance is available, the player may call flagrant foot faults.
- (d) Calling serves in doubles. In doubles the receiver's partner should call the service line and the receiver should call the sideline and the center service line. Nonetheless, his partner may call a ball that he clearly sees.
- (d) Server and his partner should not call first serve out. Neither the server nor his partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt. But the server and his partner shall call out any second serve that either of them clearly sees out.
- (f) Calling service lets. Any player may call a service let. The call shall be made before the return of serve goes out of play or is hit by an opponent. If the serve is an apparent or near ace, any let shall be called promptly.
- (g) Returning out balls. A player shall not put into play or hit over the net a served ball that is obviously out. Nonetheless, if a player honestly believes that he cannot call a serve out (giving his opponent the benefit of a close call), the server is not entitled to replay the point.
- (h) Returning serve when receiver is not ready. The receiver shall not attempt to return a serve unless he, or he and his partner, are ready. If a player returns a serve, he or his partner, are presumed ready.
- (i) Delays between the first and second serve. When there is a delay between the first and second serve:
 - the server gets one serve if he was the cause of the delay;
 - the server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the receiver or if there was outside interference.

3) Score

- (a) Server announces score. The server shall announce the game score before the game and the point score before each point.
- (b) Disputes. Disputes over the score shall be resolved by using one of the following methods. (The methods are listed in order of preferences.):
 - Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only the disputed points or games.
 - Spin a racket or toss a coin.

4) Miscellaneous

- (a) Points played in good faith count. All points played in good faith stand. For example, if after playing a point the players discover that the net was too high, the point stands.
- (b) Rule enforcement. If an opponent repeatedly violates the rules, a player may ask his coach or a tournament official to address the situation. The player may leave the court to seek such assistance.
- (c) Talking during a point. A player shall not talk while the ball is moving toward his opponent's side of the court. If the player's talking interferes with this opponent's ability to play the ball, the player loses the point.
- (d) Feinting with the body. A player may feint with his body while the ball is in play. She may change position at any time including while the server is tossing the ball. Movements or sound that are made solely to distract an opponent, such as waving the arms or racket or stamping the feet, are not allowed.
- (e) Retrieving stray ball. A player shall not go behind an adjacent court to retrieve a ball when play is in progress. A player shall not ask for one of his balls from players on an adjacent court until their point is over. When a player returns a ball that came from an adjacent court, he shall wait until their point is over and then return it directly to one of the players and preferably to the server.
- (f) The Code. "The Code" is a USTA publication originally written by Col. N.E. Powel that discusses in great detail the code that governs unofficiated matches. The principals set forth in "The Code" shall apply in cases not specifically covered by these regulations.

Past Winners

2009

Classification	Winner	Runner Up
AA	Bethlehem	Guilderland
A	Albany Academy	Scotia
B	Cairo Durham	Coxsackie-Athens
C	Maple Hill	Greenwich
D	Doane Stuart	Argyle

Singles

Doubles

1	Matt Kandath Albany Academy	Chris Frost/Brian Chow Niskayuna
2	Michael Amico Bethlehem	Sam Dordick/Alex Bush Guilderland
3	Ryan Schmitz Scotia Glenville	Julina Wrede/Stefan Kuhar Albany Academy

2008

Classification	Winner	Runner Up
AA	Niskayuna	Guilderland
A	Scotia Glenville	
B	Ichabod Crane	Hudson
C	Maple Hill	Greenwich
D		

Singles

Doubles

1	Matt Kandath Albany Academy	Mike Amico/Jesse Hoffman Bethlehem
2	Derick Angle LaSalle	Joey Milstein/Alex Bush Guilderland
3	Bryan Chow Niskayuna	Julina Wrede/Stefan Kuhar Albany Academy

