

2017 VHSL 6A State Tennis-Singles/Doubles/Team Championship



- Site:** George Mason University
West Campus Park (west of Ox Road on Braddock Road at Campus Drive)
http://parking.gmu.edu/pdf%20files/FairfaxMap13_Parking.pdf
- Hotel Info:** visit <http://www.hotels.com> and search under George Mason University
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- Dates:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday – June 8, 9, 10
*Coaches Meeting on Thursday, June 8th at 8 am.
- Times:** 6/8 Singles Semi's – 9am; Single's Finals 12 noon
6/9 Doubles Semi's – 9am; Doubles Finals 12 noon
6/10 Team Championship Match
9 am Boys Team Championship (doubles will start after 30 min rest)
12 noon Girls Team Championship (doubles will start after 30 min rest)
- GMU Policy:** **Parking** – All spectators and players/coaches must park down by the pavilion/grass fields in the street parking. NO PARKING IN THE MAIN LOT. THOSE WHO PARK THERE ARE AT RISK OF BEING TICKETED.
- No food or drink inside tennis court facility! Only competitors are allowed to have sealed water or sealed water containers. NO SODAS, ENERGY DRINKS (Gatorade/Powerade) allowed inside the perimeter of the facility. A small tent will be provided for those to leave the court area to consume food/water. No concessions will be sold at the event.**
- 82-4-6 Team Composition and Line-up**–Each team shall consist of six singles players and three doubles teams. Singles players may be members of a doubles team. The six singles players on a school team shall be seeded according to their ranking and ability when compared to other players on that school team. Accordingly, the team's best player shall play in the Number 1 division, the second best player shall play in the Number 2 division, and so forth, with the weakest player in the Number 6 division. The

doubles teams shall also be seeded according to their ranking and ability when compared to other doubles teams on that school team. The school's best doubles team shall play in the Number 1 division, the second best team shall play in the Number 2 division, and the weakest doubles team shall play in the Number 3 division.

82-4-7 Substitution-Substitutions shall be made by the following provisions or the match at the vacated division shall be forfeited. (1) Substitute alternate in the vacated position; or (2) In singles, substitute alternate in the 6th singles division and move all other players up one division until all divisions are filled; or (3) In doubles, substitute alternate in the 3rd doubles division and move all other players up one division until all divisions are filled.

82-4-8 Exchange of Line-ups-Prior to the start of a team match, coaches shall exchange line-ups. Each team's line-up should be in compliance with 82-4-6. Unless there has been a successful challenge in practice, the team's line-up/ladder shall be the same as that used in the most recent preceding match. If a coach elects to play a substitute(s), the coach shall draw a line through the name(s) of the player(s) for whom he/she is substituting and write the name(s) of the substitute(s) on the same corresponding line(s). Substitution for doubles play may be made until the first doubles match begins. All substitutions must comply with the substitution rules prescribed in this section. *Note:* Coaches should be prepared to show proof of any challenge matches.

82-4-9 Playing Etiquette-A player shall not display unsportsmanlike conduct such as, but not limited to, throwing/abusing equipment; hitting a ball in the direction of an opponent, official or spectator; using profane or obscene language in any way that may be heard by other persons; using obscene gestures; or threatening bodily injury.

82-4-9 (1) Penalty-Apply the penalty designated by the current USTA Rule Book.

82-4-10 Use of Tobacco-A player shall not use tobacco or tobacco-like products during the match.

82-4-10 Penalty: First Offense - Loss of game; Second Offense - Loss of match

82-4-11 Tennis Apparel-All contestants are required to wear appropriate tennis apparel. Any major lettering or pictures on clothing must pertain to the school name or emblem and must be approved by the school's principal and appropriate tournament or match director.

82-4-12 Forfeits-For purpose in ranking, a forfeiture shall count as a match won by the school receiving the forfeit and as a match lost by the school forfeiting. In determining singles or doubles champions and runners-up, a singles player or doubles team shall play more than one-half of the matches in the team's first division.

82-4-13 Determining Conference and Regional Championships-Qualifications for conference and regional tournaments shall be set by the appropriate Council, except that the official line-up for team tennis listed on the official Conference and Regional Tournament Entry Forms shall be the same line-up, including alternates, as used for the last regular season

district contest. Subsequent substitution of an alternate listed on the official Conference and Regional Tournament Entry Forms is permissible if it conforms to the regulations listed in Section 82 of this *Handbook*.

82-4-14 Determining State Championships-Each classification shall determine the state team, singles and doubles team champions for girls and boys on the date specified on the VHSL Activities Calendar.

82-4-15 State Tournament Entries-Eligibility of teams and contestants shall be governed by the following provisions:

(1) Regional team champions and runners-up, singles champions and runners-up, and doubles champions and runners-up will play in the state tournament. In the event a team, singles or doubles qualifier(s) cannot participate, the next-place team, singles or doubles winner may participate. Scratches of the regional team, singles or doubles team qualifiers must be announced to the state tournament director at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the state tournament or a forfeit will result.

(2) Only entries which are submitted on the official state entry form (available on the website) received not later than the deadline date will be accepted.

(3) The official list of entries shall be the same as the list of finalists of the regional tournament, unless the substitution of alternates conforms with substitution regulations.

(4) No changes in the official list of entries shall be permitted after the entry form has been received by the tournament director, unless the substitution of alternates conforms with substitution regulations.

(5) Any player listed on the entry form as an alternate may be a substitute. Any of a school's top six singles players who is not in the school's top three doubles team line-up is considered an alternate for doubles competition. Any member of a school's top three doubles teams who is not in the school's top six singles line-up is considered an alternate for singles competition.

(6) Substitutions shall be made by the provisions in Section 82.

ATC: An ATC will be on site to assist with all injury-related issues.

Admission: \$10.00 – Only approved VHSL passes will be allowed for entry.

Coaches Info: Practice tennis balls will be on site for players to use for warm-up prior to the official start of the 10-minute warm-up period. Players may warm-up 30 minutes prior to the official start time for singles and doubles.

T-Shirt Sales: T-Shirts may be provided by a VHSL approved vendor at the event for purchases. Must pay by cash or check.

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1. Coaches Meeting
2. Players Meeting
3. Introductions:
 - Emily Huss, ATC on site
 - USTA Official –
 - Karl Kerns, Tournament Director
 - Mike Scott & Bill Hughes, Assistant Directors
4. Layout of GMU
 - Food/Restrooms
 - Location of ATC
 - Water
 - Programs/Vendor
 - Viewing area for spectators
5. Hospitality area: Coaches/Tournament staff only
6. Trash Cans
7. Tournament Format:
 - a. Warm-up time – 10 minutes
 - b. Sets – best 2 of 3 sets & best 7 out of 12 tie breaker when 6-6
 - c. Sportsmanship
 - d. Balls off the court
 - e. Score Keeping