

GSAC TENNIS POLICIES

I. SCHEDULING POLICIES

A. Maximum 24 matches (tournament counts one)

One team vs. team tournament counts as one match on schedule; after one tournament each match within subsequent tournaments counts as one match on schedule.

B. Single round schedule.

C. Conference opponents must be kept in the same order but allow flexibility in changing dates as long as the sequence is followed. A date change outside of sequence must be approved in advance by the GSAC Executive Committee. Any schedule change must also be approved by both Athletics Directors.

II. GUIDELINES FOR PLAY

A. Played under ITA rules.

B. Darkness (called by both coaches) moves matches to lighted courts A.S.A.P. the same day.

C. The line-ups are to follow the ITA rules as defined below: (1/9/2008)

ITA Rule II.K.5 (p. 255-256). Before the start of the dual-meet match, the coach must submit the doubles and singles lineup, with their top 6 singles players who are available to play listed in order of ability. Once the match has begun and a coach removes a player from the singles lineup, all players then must move up one spot and the No. 7 player, or any players below No. 7 in the lineup, must be inserted into the No. 6 position.

ITA Rule II.K.6 (p. 256). A coach may remove any player from the doubles lineup by making a direct line substitution. The doubles lineup must still be played in order of ability. Players removed from the doubles lineup may play in singles. Once the match has officially begun, two players may be substituted for any doubles team (only if the match begins with singles). The lineup must remain in order of ability.

D. Each team will provide their own towels and athletic tape.

E. Protocol for Matches

1. Men's and women's dual matches - 9 point format.
2. Begin matches with pro set for doubles - tiebreaker at 8-8.
3. Then play singles matches.
4. Exceptions to the 3-6 format can be made by coaches' agreement.

III. DUTIES OF THE HOST SCHOOL

A. Provide 6 competition-level tennis courts.

B. Provide tennis balls, net sticks, score cards, and an alternative lighted facility if needed.

C. Report results to newspapers and the GSAC Information Director.

D. Visiting team will provide a media fax list to home team coach at the conclusion of the match.

E. Provide athletic trainer.

IV. PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

- A.** At least two courts available for visiting team warm-up.
- B.** Line-up exchange prior to player introductions. Line up with strongest player from 1 through 6.
- C.** Introductions, instructions and prayer.
- D.** Ten-minute warm-up.

V. RAIN-OUT POLICY

- A.** Rain outs will be made up on the next available date provided that no team has three previous scheduled matches. Any permissible line-up may be used. Coaches should be in contact if weather is threatening to the match and a contingency plan should be formulated.
- B.** Rain delays or cancellations must be continued at next available date with accurate documentation as to line-up, score, and court placement. In case of injury or illness GSAC substitution rules will apply.

VI. GSAC PLAYOFF PLAN

To be recommended by tennis coaches and approved by the GSAC Executive Committee.

VII. AWARDS

- A.** All GSAC team - Coaches vote at tournament
- B.** Coach of the year
 - Men - Coaches vote at tournament
 - Women - Coach of tournament champion
- C.** Tennis liaison will present awards immediately at the conclusion of the tournament.

VIII. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- A.** Fall meeting for all coaches
 - 1. Finalize tournament
 - 2. Set seeding meeting
 - 3. Finalize dual match formats
- B.** Spring meeting for all coaches
 - Select All-GSAC Team.

IX. SPORT CHAIR

- A.** Selection to a 2-year term and may serve 2 consecutive terms.
- B.** Coach must be at least a 2-year GSAC veteran.
- C.** Majority vote.