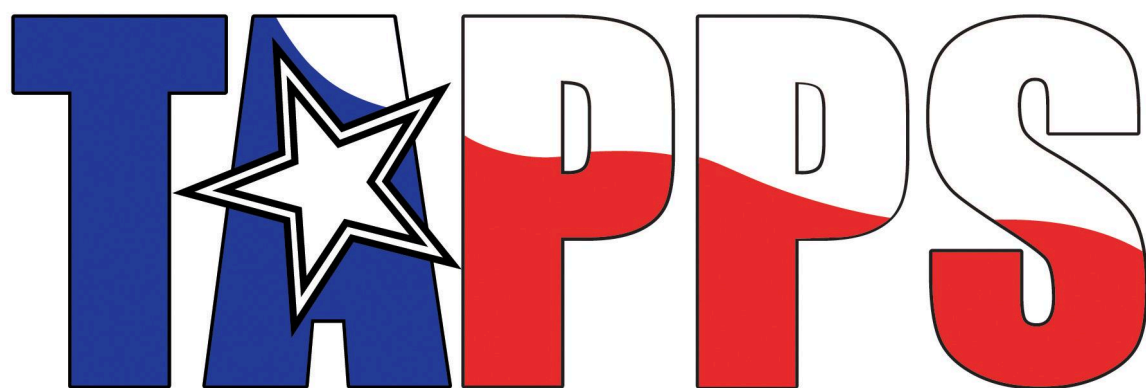


TEAM TENNIS PLAN

2025

The logo for the team consists of the letters 'TAPPS' in a stylized, outlined font. The letter 'T' is solid blue. The letter 'A' is white with a blue outline and contains a white five-pointed star with a blue outline. The letters 'P', 'P', and 'S' are white with a red outline and a red fill at the bottom. The letter 'P' has a red fill at the bottom, the second 'P' has a red fill at the bottom, and the 'S' has a red fill at the bottom.

I. ALIGNMENT OF COMPETITION

- A. The competition shall be aligned by divisions based on overall school classification
- B. The tentative divisions are as follows:
 - 1. Division I
 - a) 5A and 6A schools
 - 2. Division II
 - a) 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A schools
- C. Smaller schools may appeal to play up into Division I, but larger schools may not play in Division II

II. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A. **Composition.**
 - 1. Each school may enter one team
- B. **Boys' and Girls' Team Restrictions.**
 - 1. Girls shall not participate in boys' positions on the team and
 - 2. Boys shall not participate in girl's positions on the team
- C. **Teams unable to fill all lines for the match.**
 - 1. Positions not filled shall be considered a forfeit for team scoring purposes
 - 2. Any and all forfeited matches shall be the first counted in match scoring.

III. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. **Division I**
 - 1. Play
 - a) Four boys' singles; Four girls' singles;
 - b) Two boys' doubles; Two girls' doubles; and
 - c) One mixed doubles.
 - 2. The **team** match shall be determined when:
 - a) A school wins 7 matches
 - b) The time limit imposed by TAPPS is reached
 - (1) All completed matches shall be counted towards the overall team match total. Incomplete matches shall not be counted.
 - (2) If a tie exists at that point, a seven point tiebreaker shall be played by the mixed doubles teams to determine the match
 - (3) **For time purposes - when players are available - do not wait to play the mixed.**

B. Division II

1. Play
 - a) Two boys' singles; Two girls' singles;
 - b) Two boys' doubles; Two girls' doubles; and
 - c) One mixed doubles.
2. The match shall conclude once a winner has been determined
 - a) A school wins 5 matches
 - b) The time limit imposed by TAPPS is reached
 - (1) All completed matches shall be counted towards the overall team match total. Incomplete matches shall not be counted.
 - (2) If a tie exists at that point, a seven point tiebreaker shall be played by the mixed doubles teams to determine the match
 - (3) **For time purposes - when players are available - do not wait to play the mixed.**

C. Match Play

1. Pool play games shall be
 - a) 8 game pro sets with add
 - b) If pro set reaches 7 games all a 7 point tie breaker will be played

D. Bracket play

1. Championship **Team** Matches
 - a) Those matches between teams finishing first in their pool
 - b) 2 out of three sets no add - Super Breaker for the Third Set
2. Other than bracket **Team** matches
 - a) 8 game pro sets with add
 - b) 7 point tie breaker at 7 all

IV. PARTICIPATION

- A. Players may play only two lines in each team match.
 1. Singles / Doubles
 2. Doubles / Mixed Doubles
 3. Singles / Mixed Doubles
- B. Players' positions may be switched between each match
 1. *Singles*
 2. *Doubles*
 3. *Mixed Doubles*
 - a) Mixed doubles can consist of any boy or girl on the entry roster.

V. **ORDER OF PLAY**

- A. The order of play for all matches shall be as outlined below
 - 1. Doubles
 - a) Boys and Girls
 - 2. Singles
 - a) Line 1 and 2 Boys and Girls
 - b) Line 3 and 4 Boys and Girls (Division I only)
 - 3. Mixed Doubles (**as soon as possible counts** if necessary)

VI. **TEAM SCORING AND TIES**

- A. Mixed Doubles shall be the tie breaker should the teams remain tied after the singles and doubles competition
- B. Should the time limit be reached,
 - 1. Only concluded matches shall be counted towards the team total
 - 2. The mixed doubles shall play a 10 point tiebreaker to determine the match

VII. **FORFEITS AND DEFAULTS**

- A. *Forfeiture.* If after an individual match begins, a forfeit occurs due to illness, injury or penalty for misconduct, all games played shall count towards team points
- B. *Default.* In all other matches, if a default occurs before the individual match begins, then the tournament director shall record the score as the first win in the **Team** match.

VIII. **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- A. *Lineup Changes.*
 - 1. Between matches, the coach may change the lineup.
 - 2. *Singles Movement on Ladder.* After the previous match, the coach may move each player no more than one position up or down in the singles lineup.
 - 3. *Doubles Movement on Ladder.* After the previous match, the coach may move each player no more than one position up or down in the doubles lineup.

IX. **REST PERIODS**

- A. Players should receive a maximum of 5 minutes rest between any two matches.
- B. In the event the match is 2 out of 3, the players should receive a 3-minute rest between the second set and 10-point match tiebreaker (in lieu of a third set) of split set matches in both boys' and girls' singles and doubles.
- C. A school team should receive a minimum of one hour between dual matches.

X. COACHING

- A. All coaches must be approved in the TAPPS database.
- B. A coach may coach his/her players during the 90 seconds changeover at the end of odd games, and during the 3-minute rest period for split set matches.
- C. Only the school tennis coach employed by the school may coach. **All coaching must be done** in a manner which does not interfere with the play on adjoining courts as determined by TAPPS.

XI. CONTINUOUS PLAY

- A. Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded and in accordance with Rule 30 29 of the USTA Rule Book.
- B. Play shall never be suspended, delayed or interfered with the purpose of enabling a player to recover his strength, breath, or physical condition.
- C. In case of accidental injury, the “umpire” may allow a one-time **Medical Time Out** with a three-minute suspension for **treatment of** that injury.

XII. WARMUPS

- A. The players will have a maximum of 5 minutes to warm up prior to the start of the match.
- B. The players must take all their practice serves during this time.

XIII. REPORTING TO MATCHES

- A. All teams should report to their location in time for a warmup, the coaches meeting and players meeting if applicable.
- B. The USTA Point Penalty System will be in effect for lateness.

XIV. LINE UP CHANGES

- A. Coaches shall provide a team roster to the tournament director prior to their first match of the tournament.
- B. A coach may make substitutions between each team match with students reported on the match roster presented to the tournament desk. There may be no substitutions to the match roster once the match begins.
- C. Under no circumstances shall the coach change his/her lineup during a match. The penalty for doing so will be to forfeit the individual matches involved. Coaches should be aware that a substitution and a lineup change are not the same.

XV. **OFFICIALS**

- A. TAPPS will provide United State Tennis Association (USTA) officials.
- B. Line Calls
 - 1. There are 16 courts in play at any one time
 - 2. Roving officials **may overrule** line calls when observing a match but shall not serve as line judges **for the entire match.**
 - 3. If line calls are disputed the coaches from the two schools involved may be asked to observe line calls on their players' court.

XVI. **Balls**

- A. TAPPS will supply tennis balls for each match.

XVII. **Fees**

- A. Entry fee of \$400 due at time of competition or before
- B. Entry fee is owed if team is registered at the team entry deadline
- C. Refund only in the instance the tournament is canceled

XVIII. **Tennis Etiquette**

- A. Applauding a good play is always in order.
- B. Applauding an error is never in order.
- C. Any person who takes it upon himself to berate the officials or make himself conspicuous by razzing the team should be requested to leave the court area.
- D. Coaches are responsible for educating their students, parents and fans about appropriate behavior.
- E. **TAUNTING PENALTY**
 - 1. The National Federation disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule, or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.
 - 2. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be enforced during the state team tennis championships. Be sure and inform your contestants the acts, such as throwing rackets, use of profanity, addressing an official disrespectfully, displaying any action which brings discredit to the individual or his/her school will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 3. At the discretion of the tournament referee **and TAPPS staff.**
 - a) A player displaying such conduct may be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.
 - b) The first offense will be a 1 point deduction, the second offense default game, and the third offense default match or tournament.
 - c) The points are cumulative throughout the tournament.