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PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE MEN'S TENNIS SUPPLEMENT

.01 SEASON OF PLAY

A. Season

(1) According to CCCAA Rules, the tennis season begins with the start of practice and scrimmages, and ends with the State Championship.

(2) The season is limited to 26* total dates. Post season contests such as the Regional Tournament and the State Tournament do not enter this figure.

(3) The conference season shall consist of a double round robin home and away.

* CCCAA cost containment in effect for the 2014 season.

B. Schedule

(1) Conference matches are to be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays unless inclement weather prohibits the match. Tuesday rained-out matches will be rescheduled on Friday of the same week. Thursday rained-out matches will be played on Monday of the following week. A Friday make-up rainout will be played the following Monday if the previous Thursday's match was not rained out.

(2) Matches will be scheduled for 2:00PM.

(3) To determine the yearly rotation, the first bracket will be dropped to the bottom of the schedule and home sites are reversed.

.02 RULES

A. U.S.T.A. Rules will govern play.

(1) All matches shall be the best two out of three sets. The third set will be a 10-point super tie breaker.

(2) Regular scoring will be used in all conference dual matches.

(3) A standard tie breaker will be used in the first two sets.

(4) A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for warm-ups. Warm-ups with opponents shall be started at match time.

(5) Coaching is permitted during the 90-second interval when players change end of the court provided such coaching does not interfere with continuous play. Only one person is allowed to coach a particular player. That person may be the head coach, assistant coach or a member of the tennis team.

(6) Matches interrupted by darkness or rain in which neither team has reached five (5) points will be postponed and started at the point of interruption. Rescheduling should be done according to the rainout policy. If one team has scored five or more points, the match shall be considered completed. If lights are available on the courts being used for the match, they are to be used to finish the match.

(7) Matches are to consist of six singles and three doubles with one point scored for each match making a total of nine points. All singles and doubles matches must be completed to decide the contest. Exception - rain, darkness, or consent of both coaches. Failure to complete the contest under the above rule shall result in forfeiture of the entire contest by a college.

(8) The match officially starts when the list of players is exchanged between coaches. If the match has been won or lost, it will be permissible to rearrange the remaining doubles matches.

(9) Singles matches are to be played first. As each doubles team becomes available, matches shall be started (inclusive of warm-ups).

(10) Singles and doubles ladders shall be established prior to the beginning of the first and second round of Pacific Coast Conference play. A copy shall be sent to the conference representative. First round ladders to be received five days prior to the first conference match. Second round ladders will be established at the first contest of the second round.

(11) Ladder procedure:

a. FIRST ROUND
A singles ladder will be establish by ability into two groups, players 1-3, 4-6. Players may move one time per week to one position up or down within their group (1-3, 4-6). In case of injury or absence from a match, the #4 player, based upon ability, will move into group 1-3. New players may be added in group 4-6 only once per week except for absence or removal from the singles ladder. Violations in this ladder procedure will result in forfeiture of the dual match. One week would be considered a Monday through Friday. If a make-up match is played, you must use the ladder from the regular scheduled contest. Ability is defined in the U.S.T.A. Handbook.

A number one doubles team will be established by ability. This team can only be changed during the first round as a result of an injury or illness. If a doubles player is absent he will be replaced by an alternate.

b. SECOND ROUND
A singles ladder will be established by ability. Players will be listed 1 through 5. Any player may move one position a week, i.e., 3 to 4, 1 to 2. In case of an injury or absence from a match, everyone on the ladder must move up one position. A new player in the ladder must enter at position 5. Violations of this will result in forfeiture of the dual match.

Doubles must operate on a ladder basis. A number one doubles team will be established by ability. The ladder may be changed one time per week. If a player is absent he must be replaced with an

alternate. If a player drops the squad the coach shall re-establish the doubles ladder.

B. Conference

1. Conference Statistics:
(a) Reported to the Conference statistician on Monday of the following week.
(b) Results of all conference matches must be FAXED each week to each conference coach.

C. Equipment

(1) Tennis balls used in matches and tournament shall meet the CCCAA requirement based upon the current sponsorship agreement. Otherwise, either **Pro Penn** or **Wilson U.S. Open** balls are acceptable.

(2) Host college shall furnish three (3) top-grade tennis balls for the first two sets and/or three (3) top-grade balls for the third set. Penn or Wilson U.S.T.A. approved balls are recommended for match play.

(3) Yellow tennis balls are preferred.

D. Uniforms

(1) Members of each designated team will be dressed in a standard uniform for all Pacific Coast Conference competitions.

E. **Facilities**

(1) Tennis courts shall conform to U.S.T.A. standards. Courts of the home team shall be clean and free of hazards.

(2) Net straps shall be provided for all courts.

(3) Scoring devices must be consistent in color and are required on all courts for Pacific Coast Conference matches.

.03 ALL-CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

A. The All-Conference Team will be made up of the eight singles quarter-finalists and the eight doubles semi-finalists in the conference tournament.

B. At the conference meeting before the Pacific Coast Conference Tournament recommendations will be submitted for an outstanding player of the year and coach-of-the-year. Final voting will occur following the conference tournament. In the case of a tie, the top singles player will receive the award.

C. The number one and two singles players in the conference tournament and the one and two doubles teams will receive awards. If they were members of the conference championship team they will receive a strip to be attached to their team championship plaque. If they were not members of the championship team they will receive a plaque.

.04. CONFERENCE CHAMPION

A. The conference champion shall be decided by the winner of the Conference dual matches. In the event of a tie, co-champions will be named. Conference awards will be presented to each team.

B. Conference Tournament

(1) The tournament directorship will rotate from school to school. The site coach will be the tournament director.

(2) Officials will be used in the tournament when deemed necessary. The tournament director will have the power to appoint and remove umpires, linesmen and provide an official umpire for finals. This expense to be born by the tournament.

(3) Regular scoring will be used during the conference tournament.

(4) The final matches will be played at the tournament site.

(5) Conference tournament expenses will be shared equally among the colleges in the tournament.

(6) The Conference tournament entries will consist of six (6) singles and three(3) doubles, and will be a single elimination tournament.

(7) A team award will be presented to the team accruing the most points on the basis of one (1) point per round won, two points for a bye, if other than the Dual Meet Champion.

(8) Fee will be charged to pay for officials and tournament costs. In addition each team must bring 12 cans of yellow conference approved balls.

.05 CONFERENCE TENNIS COMMITTEE

A. The tennis committee shall be composed of all the coaches who are currently coaching men's in the Pacific Coast Conference.

B. Voting membership shall consist of one vote per college. There shall be no voting proxy other than committee members own college staff representatives.

C. The committee will evaluate the tennis supplement annually and make any necessary recommendations.

D. The supplement shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the tennis committee. Only in an emergency may a poll be taken by phone or letter in which case the decision to be made must carry a two-thirds majority.

E. Conference meetings will be conducted at times and sites to best accommodate the membership, while taking into consideration the sport coordinator’s role as it relates to both the men’s and women’s programs. Determination of conference meeting dates, sites and times will be made through agreement of the membership at the preceding meeting.