

Boys' Tennis Survey
Tournament Format options
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Greetings to Athletic Directors and Coaches,

The Boys Tennis Committee at the CIAC would like your input about our State Tournament Format, both the Class Tournament and the State Open. We are asking you to choose among three options. Here they are:

#1 Jamboree: Prior to the COVID era, the Boys State Tournament consisted of a jamboree style event, where teams that qualified sent their roster to play either singles or doubles. Each entry earned points by winning rounds and the team championship (4 divisions—LL, L, M, S) went to the squad that earned the most points. Teams that did not qualify could still send individuals to the Class Tournament at #1 or #2 singles/doubles if they had qualifying winning percentages. Teams that qualified could send their lineup with players in singles or doubles, regardless of their regular season position. The State Open consisted of the top 4 singles players (semi-finals) and top 2 doubles teams from each division (finalists) with Wildcards, competing in an elite tournament.

#2 Head to Head: After no season in 2020 due to COVID, our Committee voted to change our class tournament format to a team, head to head event like the girls have had for years. Qualifying teams were paired with opponents based on their season win-loss record. A single elimination tournament determined the Class Champion. The traditional State Open was replaced with an Invitational, where the top singles and doubles players from leagues, divisions, and districts were nominated by their coaches and selected by our Committee (48 singles; 24 doubles). Girls Tennis collaborated with the Boys Committee to hold an Invitational, too, in place of their Open. The Boys' and Girls' Invitationals were held together at Wesleyan University.

#3 Hybrid: We have not run this format before but it is designed to offer the best of the two other formats. The Class Tournament would start out as a Jamboree (#1), but would only play through to the Semi-finals for singles and doubles. At that point, the 4 leading teams in each division would play off in a traditional team vs team format to determine the Class Team Champion. Then, the remaining 16 singles and 16 doubles teams (with Wildcard selections) would comprise the State Open that would determine the individual state champions.

Please help us gather information by answering these questions:

1. What would be your first choice for a format? Please include your reasons for this choosing format in the comments section.
2. What is your second choice for a format? Again, please provide your reasons.
3. How long have you coached tennis or served as the AD for your school?
4. Please provide additional comments that would be helpful to our Committee.

The Boys Tennis Committee thanks you for your assistance.

