

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
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2022 CIAC GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT
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1. **The team qualifying round matches will be played on Friday, May 27 (rain date Sat, May 28). The qualifying round only will use a third set super tie breaker (1st to 10 points by 2 points). Teams must win 40% of their regular season matches in order to qualify for the team tournament.**

The Girls Individual Tennis Invitational will be contested at Wesleyan University beginning Monday, June 6, 2022,

2. In the event of a team or individual forfeit, no individual wins or losses will be counted toward individual records.
3. In the event that a higher seeded school has fewer than four (4) courts, and more than two teams competing, the home court will be shifted to the next highest seeded school meeting the criteria.
4. If rain cancels matches, two rounds may be scheduled on the same day. In the event of inclement weather for the quarter-finals and later rounds, the affected teams have the option of scheduling the match at an indoor facility. The indoor court surface must be consistent with outdoor hard court surfaces, e.g., Hartru, carpeted and grass surfaces are not permitted. The cost is to be shared by the two competing schools.
5. **Host sites are reminded to have the Site Director greet competing teams at least thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled match time, including opening rounds. Host schools must provide adequate restroom facilities.**
6. For the team tournament, coaching is permitted on change overs throughout the state team tournament only by the designated head coach. For the individual tournament, coaching is permitted only by the designated head coach between sets.
7. Any player having played a minimum of eight (8) matches at a specific singles or doubles position is required to play in that position for the team tournament. Any alterations may not be for strategic advantage and must be approved by the tournament director.
8. Girls who participate on boys' teams, because the school does not offer a girls program in that sport, may enter either the boys' or the girls' tournament, but not both. **Girls who choose to participate on a boys' team when the school offers a girls' team in that sport, may only enter the boys' tournament.**
9. COACHES – REVIEW THE CIAC REGULATION RELATED TO “UNATTACHED STATUS” WITH YOUR TEAM PRIOR TO THE SEASON.
10. Alterations to the regular season line-up must not be made, including changes for strategic reasons. Violations of this player position policy may result in a forfeiture.

11. **Outside Competition** – Please review the rule about unattached competition. Players are allowed to compete in four outside events as individuals but must adhere to the three match per week rule and obtain advance permission from parents, the coach, the Athletic Director and the school principal. The starting date for this rule is the first day of the team’s schedule, its first match date.
12. The USTA recovery rule is in effect.

For the team tournament qualifying round only – the third set will be played as a super tie-breaker (first to ten (10) points, win by two (2)).
13. All sports teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of ten (10) physical/exertional practice days with their school before the date of the first scheduled competition. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than six (6) consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy.
14. **Students with Special Needs** – Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any student with special needs who could be competing in the contest when his/her disability could impact the individual’s performance or the conduct of the competition.
15. All regular season matches must be entered online on the day of the match as soon as possible following the match’s completion. Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “Submit Scores/Forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at ciacsports.com, or the “Submit Scores” button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school’s athletic director.
16. **CIAC Tournament Site Media Policy** – The CIAC places tremendous value on the role the media plays in promoting and highlighting high school sports. To that purpose CIAC tournament venues and hosts should make every effort to provide a working environment conducive to all media (print, broadcast and internet based) covering our events. The following are **minimum standards**, developed in consultation with the CIAC Media Advisory Committee, which should be provided for working media at all CIAC tournament sites:
 - 1) A minimum of one hour following the conclusion of post-game interviews to write in the press box, press area or a suitable facility in close proximity to the site of the event (i.e. office, classroom, etc.).
 - 2) Access to electric power (shared power strip, etc.)
 - 3) Access to wireless internet service.

Site directors should communicate these requirements to any staff person who may be responsible for the administration of the event. If for some reason a site will not be able to provide these items for a contest, a site representative should inform the CIAC in advance and work with the media on site before the game and work to provide a reasonable solution to the issue. Members of the media who will be covering events are directed to contact the appropriate site as far in advance as possible to inform them they will be at the event and discuss what arrangements will be made for working media at the site.
17. **Unmanned Aerial Systems at CIAC-Sanctioned Events** – The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person(s) at all CIAC-sanctioned events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium / field / arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.
18. **SPORTSMANSHIP** -- Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Everyone involved has the obligation to see clearly his/her influence and act accordingly. The CIAC acknowledges that the school administration is responsible for the

athletic program, including the making of broad and specific policies and procedures relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the school. To that end, the CIAC urges each school principal to adopt the following sportsmanship procedures and standards for their school and to champion the “Class Act” sportsmanship program as these standards will be used in all CIAC post-season contests.

CIAC Sportsmanship Guidelines

- The CIAC request that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give special and specific emphasis about CIAC’s expectations for good sportsmanship during the regular season as well as CIAC tournaments requiring that athletes and members of the student body conduct themselves in a manner that reflects nothing but credit upon your school. Any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students and adults is unacceptable and will be addressed with strong and appropriate measures.
- The CIAC sportsmanship standards should be as widely disseminated as possible using the student-parent handbook, student-athlete handbook, school newspaper, parent newsletter, school web site and the local media.
- The CIAC sportsmanship standards for spectators should be read by PA announcers prior to each contest.
- The CIAC sportsmanship standards of conduct be prominently posted at all sports venues.
- When event programs are provided, the CIAC sportsmanship standards be included.
- Member schools require having athletes, parents/guardians, sign an acknowledgement which would show that they have read the student-athlete handbook and understand the CIAC sportsmanship standards.
- Member schools work with community officials to insure that levels of the CIAC sportsmanship standards are enforced when contests are held at their school and at non-school facilities.
- The CIAC and the CIAC sports committees insist the CIAC sportsmanship standards be rigorously enforced at all regular season contests and at all CIAC tournament contests. This is particularly important when contests are held at non-school sites.
- Member schools will conduct a pre-season meeting with student-athletes, coaches and parents to review the CIAC sportsmanship standards.
- Member schools should communicate with opposing schools and inform them they are a “Class Act School” and provide them with the CIAC sportsmanship standards which will be strictly adhered to.
- Member schools hosting a game should make available to visiting schools necessary game information – includes directions for parking, location of ticket booths, seating arrangement, ticket prices, game time, directions for each game site.
- Member schools hosting a game should designate specific seating areas for students, bands, adults and visitors. If possible, opposing student bodies should be separated.
- Member schools hosting a game should arrange for adequate police supervision.
- When possible the member schools hosting a game should assign officials to dressing facilities separated from both teams. Provides escorts for the officials when it appears that disturbances may develop.
- Member schools should take measures to prevent fans from getting near or on the playing area and around the players benches. After the contest, prevents fans from going onto the playing area.
- Member schools should provide for adequate supervision of students and facilities. Supervisors should sit in the stands with the students.
- **Member schools should support and adhere to ALL the following CIAC standards.**

The CIAC “Class Act” Sportsmanship Standards

ALL Spectators (including parents):

- Will adhere to the host school’s acceptable dress code at all home and away contests commensurate with classroom behavior. For CIAC tournament contests all spectators will be appropriately attired with their torso completely covered and with no visible degrading or demeaning writings/logos.
- Any signs displayed must be positive in nature, reference only the school supported by the sign maker, and must be pre-approved by the Athletic Director of the school reference in the sign.
- During outdoor sports, no air horns or horns of any kind or whistles will be used, and any other noisemakers will be allowed with the host athletic director’s approval and only be used during “dead ball” situations to celebrate good play. During indoor sports, no noisemakers will be used. Pep bands are allowable at a home contest if the school provides adult supervision and the band only plays during “dead ball” situations.
- Spectators will cheer positively to support their team, will not cheer negatively against the opponent.
- Spectators will show respect for the game officials and their decisions.
- Spectators will show respect for the playing of the National Anthem.

Game Personnel / Announcers:

- Will explain and consistently enforce host school expectations for spectators.
- Will be enthusiastic but not show favoritism while making announcements, and never publicly question or criticize the players, coaches, or officials.
- Will encourage respect for the National Anthem and remind spectators to remove caps and stand.

Coaches

- Will exemplify high moral character, behavior and leadership, lead by example, and set a standard for players and spectators to follow both on and off the athletic arena.
- Will teach players the rules of the game and to respect the game, and will take action when athletes exhibit poor sportsmanship.
- Will respect the integrity and judgement of officials and will not publicly criticize or question the decisions of officials.
- Will be aware of the competitive balance of contests and will manage the score in a manner that is sportsmanlike and respectful of opponents.

Players

- Will accept the responsibility and privilege the student-athlete has in representing their school and community by learning and showing teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline in all aspects of the game.
- Will demonstrate respect for self, coach, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators by exhibiting good character and conducting themselves as a positive role model.
- Will win and lose graciously.
- Will cheer for your team, not against your opponent.
- Will congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

**CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
INFORMATION ON BOTH THE GIRLS TEAM AND INVITATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Please note the change in filing the Team tournament entry form and reporting scores.

The following dates are important for the Girls Team Tennis Tournament:

1. Saturday, April 9, 2022 – Matches cannot be added after this date.
2. Friday, April 1, 2022 – Request for Change of Division Form Due via the password-protected online eligibility center – optional.
3. Friday, May 20, 2022 – 12:00 Noon – TEAM ENTRY ROSTER FORM DUE via the password-protected online eligibility center.
4. Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – **Scores of matches not reported may be counted as losses.**

Committee will meet on Thursday, May 26 at 8:00 a.m. for tournament pairings.

5. Team pairing and ranking information will be available on the CIAC web site. Information will contain sites, dates and times of matches as well as opponents.
6. Friday, May 27, 2022 – Team tournament qualifying round – After 3:00 p.m.
Saturday May 28, 2022- rain date for qualifying round
7. **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** – John Reisert, Fairfield Ludlowe High School
Cell – (203) 767-6537
Email – jreisert@fairfieldschools.org

The following dates are important for the Girls Individual Tennis Invitational:

1. Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORMS must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center – no later than this date.
2. Monday, June 6, 2022 – Individual Invitational begins

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2022 GIRLS TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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The 51st Annual 2022 CIAC Girls Tennis Tournament will be conducted as two separate and distinct tournaments. One will be contested as a **Team Tournament** and the other contested as an **Individual Tournament**. Please read all the information about each of these tournaments.

1. The 2022 Girls Tennis **TEAM TOURNAMENT** will be operated in four divisions. Placement of teams has been based on the 2020-21 girl enrollment in grades 9-12. Tournament divisions are available on the girls tennis page at ciacsports.com.

LL Division – 621 and over

L Division – 440 - 620 this needs updating

M Division – 305 - 439

S Division – up to 304

2. **Authority** – The decision of the Girls Tennis Committee relative to the operation of the tournament shall be final.
3. **Balls** – Each team will be required to bring seven (7) cans of yellow WILSON balls to the first round matches.
4. **Breaks Between Sets** – No break shall be held between the first and second set. Coaching by the head coach on change overs throughout the state team tournament may take place. A ten-minute break must occur if requested by any player between the second and third set. During the break coaching may take place.
5. **Cancelled Regular Season Matches** – A cancelled game shall not count for tournament qualification or rating unless the principals of the member schools submit a cancelled game/forfeit form found in the CIAC Handbook. Failure to do so will result in the match being declared “no contest”.
6. **Change of Division Request** – Any school wishing to participate in a higher division must submit via the password-protected online eligibility center – a change of division request form by April 1, 2022. Once a change of division has been made the school will be required to remain in that division for two (2) years.
7. **Coach or Supervisor** – Each team MUST be accompanied by the team coach or school faculty member duly appointed by the school principal. Failure to comply with this regulation could result in a team forfeit.
8. **Dates – Tournament**

Friday, May 27, 2022	Qualifying Round (Rain date: Saturday, May 28, 2022)
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	First Round Matches
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	Quarter-final Matches
Thursday, June 2, 2022	Semi-final Matches
Friday, June 3, 2022	Final Matches (at Wesleyan University)
Saturday, June 4, 2021	Rain date

Note: If rain cancels matches, two rounds may be scheduled on the same day. In the event of inclement weather for the quarter-finals and later rounds, the affected teams have the option of scheduling the match at an indoor facility. The indoor court surface must be consistent with outdoor hard court surfaces, e.g., Hartru, carpeted and grass surfaces are not permitted. The cost is to be shared by the two competing teams.

9. **Entry Fee** – There will be a \$100 entry fee for every school that enters a team in the tournament. Checks are to be made payable to CIAC and mailed to 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. If a team does not qualify for the tournament the entry fee will be returned. If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the “Generate Tournament Invoice” link under the girls tennis options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

10. Entry Form

- a. **A Team Roster** can be submitted on the online eligibility center or the submit scores/forms option under the CIAC for coaches menu at ciacsports.com no later than Friday, May 20, 2022.

List all matches scheduled to be played throughout the season on the Team Entry / Schedule Form. All scores of matches played shall be completed and entered online on the day of the match as soon as possible following the match's completion.

- b. Failure to file a roster/entry form by Noon, Friday, May 20, 2022 may result in disqualification.
- c. ANY MATCH SCORE NOT SUBMITTED BY Wednesday, May 25, MAY BE COUNTED AS A LOSS.
- d. All matches to be considered for tournament ranking must be listed on the Team Schedule/Entry Form.
- e. Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up games to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.
11. **Food and Beverages** – Teams must provide their own food and beverages at the sites. Don't count on the availability of either food or beverages at the sites. Carry out what you carry in please.
12. **Forfeits During Tournament** – A team match will consist of seven (7) points determined by playing four singles and three doubles matches. A team not having personnel to contest each of the seven points will forfeit a point each time they fail to put a player or players on the court to contest that point.
13. **Late Entry Policy**
- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
 - Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
 - All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. **No phone request will be considered.**
- Tournament Regulations Violations** – If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.
14. **Last Date to Count for Qualifying** – All matches to count toward qualifying must be submitted on the web site by Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Matches played after this date and time will not count toward qualifying.
15. **Matches – Sets** – Team matches will consist of seven points contested by playing four singles and three doubles matches. All singles and doubles matches will be decided by playing two out of three sets with a twelve (12) point tie breaker if tied at six (6) all in a set. **All seven (7) matches must be played to completion.**
16. **Matches Per Day** – Teams will be required to play no more than two team matches in one day. Teams will be required to play on consecutive days unless there is postponement due to weather or other unforeseen emergencies.

17. **Order of Play** – Each team will be required to have all singles matches either played or on the courts playing before any of the team’s doubles matches may be started. Play will be continuous from first round matches through the quarter-final round matches. Each player will be entitled to a forty-five (45) minute break between matches. For three (3) set matches the two hour recovery rule will be in effect.

18. **Pairings Information**

- a. The pairings for each division will be:

<u>Round One</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	<u>Semi-finals</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1 vs 16			
8 vs 9	1 vs 8		
		1 vs 4	
4 vs 13			
5 vs 12	4 vs 5		1 vs 2
2 vs 15			
7 vs 10	2 vs 7		
		2 vs 3	
3 vs 14			
6 vs 11	3 vs 6		

- b. If more than sixteen teams qualify, the following qualifying pairings shall be used.

<u>If 17 teams</u>	<u>If 18 teams</u>	<u>If 19 teams</u>	<u>If 20 teams</u>
16 vs 17	15 vs 18	14 vs 19	13 vs 20
	16 vs 17	15 vs 18	14 vs 19
		16 vs 17	15 vs 18
			16 vs 17

- c. Announcements of rankings and pairings will be made by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26 via the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com .
- d. The ranking of teams will be determined by the percentage method.
- e. Teams having the same winning percentage will be ranked using this procedure.
- 1) Total wins
 - 2) Head-to-head
 - 3) By lot

19. **Postponements** – Team matches postponed for whatever reason will be played on the next possible date.

20. **Protest** – Protests involving “Tournament Regulations” and/or match play will be adjudicated by the divisional Tournament Director, the Committee Chair and a CIAC Executive staff member.

21. Qualification Standards

- a. Only CIAC member schools may enter these tournaments.
- b. To be eligible for consideration a team must play a minimum of **eight (8) matches** and have won **40% or more of the total matches scheduled**.
- c. Only matches played with CIAC member schools or eligible out-of-state schools shall be considered. Out-of-state schools must be members of their state athletic association and must be approved by their state department of education.
- d. Only the first two matches against the same opponent will be counted. No matches played after Wednesday, May 25, 2022 will be counted. Scores must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center.
- e. Matches played with non-member Connecticut secondary schools shall not be considered in the rating of teams.

22. Reporting Scores – THE COACH OF EACH TEAM ADVANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF PLAY MUST TELEPHONE THE DIVISION DIRECTOR AND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

REPORT THE SCORES OF MATCHES PLAYED AT THE SITE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF PLAY. (BY 7:00 P.M.)

CLASS LL	Vic Sesto, Trumbull	H – (203) 452-7425 / C – (203) 343-8582
CLASS L	Maureen Maher, Newtown	H – (203) 733-7656 / C – (203) 733-7656
CLASS M	John Reisert, Fairfield Ludlowe	H – (203) 426-0220 / C – (203) 767-6537
CLASS S	Paula Fitzgerald, Westbrook	H – (860) 399-2481 / C (860) 510-2360

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION SHALL RESULT IN A \$50 FINE.

23. Rules

- a. All matches will be governed by the USTA rules of tennis.
- b. All matches will be the best two out of three sets (excluding the opening round which will be decided by a 3rd set super tie breaker (1st to 10 points by 2 points). The winning team advances, the losing team is eliminated.

24. Schedule – Regular Season – A complete schedule of regular season matches must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. Games cannot be added to schedule after April 10, 2021.

25. Sites – All rounds, except the finals, will be played at the site of the higher ranked school. **Courts** – In the event that a **higher seeded school has fewer than four (4) courts, and more than two teams competing, the home court will be shifted to the next highest seeded school meeting the criteria.**

Final round matches will be played at the higher seed. When the pairings information is released on Thursday, May 26, 2022, site designations will be included. Information will be on the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com.

EVERY HOST SITE MUST PROVIDE A SITE DIRECTOR TO GREET COMPETING SCHOOLS AT LEAST 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED MATCH TIME, INCLUDING QUALIFYING ROUNDS.

26. **Team Scores** – Seven points will be contested in each team match. The team winning the most points out of a possible seven advances. **ALL SEVEN (7) MATCHES SHALL BE COMPLETED. A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

27. **Team Composition**

- a. Each team will be required to contest four single matches and three doubles matches with a total of ten (10) players.
- b. SINGLES PLAYERS MUST BE PLAYED IN DESCENDING ORDER OF ABILITY. DOUBLES TEAMS MUST BE PLAYED IN DESCENDING ORDER OF ABILITY. VIOLATIONS OF PLAYERS' POSITIONS COULD RESULT IN FORFEITURE.
- c. Teams not having enough players to play four singles and three doubles may play the match but will forfeit in the following order: In singles the fourth singles, then the third, then the second, etc.; in doubles the third doubles, then the second, etc.
- d. Any player having played a minimum of ten (10) matches at a specific singles or doubles position is required to play in that position for the team tournament. Any alterations may not be for strategic advantage and must be approved by the tournament director.
- e. **Once tournament play begins, players competing as singles or doubles must play singles or doubles throughout the entire tournament. Players will be committed to singles play or doubles play once they have played their first match in the tournament. The team tournament line-up must be consistent with the submitted line-up from the opening round on.**
- f. NOTE: Line-up changes can ONLY be made in case of injury or illness, in consultation with the Meet Director.

28. **Time of Matches** – Times for each of the matches will be part of the pairings information released on Thursday, May 26, 2022 on the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com . Generally all matches will begin at 3:00 p.m. Note this is general information and not absolute.

29. **Transportation Emergencies**

- a. If a transportation problem should arise, the coach is to telephone the site director.
- b. If notification of the transportation problem is not made a forfeit may result. Decision to be made by the tournament director and a CIAC staff executive.
- c. If there is not adequate time for warm-ups (**20 minutes**) or if there is a chance the match will extend into darkness, the match will be rescheduled for the next day.

30. **Site Availability** – ALL QUALIFYING SCHOOLS SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE THEIR RESPECTIVE HOME COURTS AND RESTROOM FACILITIES FOR TOURNAMENT USE.

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2022 Girls State Tennis Tournament Invitational

Tournament Director – Co-Tournament Directors:

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Please note: only coaches or school officials can contact the tournament director. Players and parents must go through the coach or school officials to contact the tournament director.

The CIAC Girls Tennis Committee has approved the 2022 Girls State Tennis Tournament Invitational as its culminating event. This tournament will showcase the top **48 singles players and top 24 doubles teams** in the state.

Criteria for Selection: The Invitational seeks the best players in the state with representation from all leagues, divisions and sizes of school. Coaches will nominate singles or doubles players for consideration. The top two singles players and top 2 doubles teams are eligible for nomination if they have played a minimum of 8 matches or 50% of the team's scheduled matches in that position. The Girls Committee will ultimately determine the singles and doubles entries and reserves the right to invite a wild card entry as well as a substitute list. The Girls Committee will make the seedings and draws. Players will be selected on the basis of record, quality wins and losses, seniority and, in some cases, rankings. League representatives will also give input.

Nomination Process: Coaches can nominate their #1 and #2 singles players and #1 and #2 doubles teams to be considered for the Invitational Tournament. The nomination form is located on the CIAC website with other tournament material. A nominee must have played a minimum of 8 matches or 50% of the team's scheduled matches in that position, with the same partner (doubles). The nominee should have a minimum of 60% winning average at #1 or 75% at #2. Nomination forms are due by **Wednesday, May 25, 2022. The selection process will take place on Thursday, May 26th, 2022.** Please contact the Tournament Director(s) (coaches or school officials) if you have any questions.

Girls on Boys Teams – Girls who participate on boys' teams because the school **does not offer a girls program** in that sport, may enter either the boys' or the girls' tournament, but not both. **Girls who choose to participate on a boys' team when the school offers a girls' team in that sport, may only enter the boys' tournament.**

Coaches / Faculty Members / Parents – EACH CONTESTANT IN THIS INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE TEAM COACH OR SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER DULY APPOINTED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION MAY RESULT IN A FORFEIT.

Entry Fee – Fifteen dollars (\$15) for each singles player and or \$30 for each doubles team entered must be sent to the CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the “Generate Tournament Invoice” link under the girls tennis options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

Entry Form

- A. **Individual Invitational Nomination Form** must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center – no later than 7:00 PM, Wed, May 25, 2022.
- B. Matches played after Wednesday, May 25, 2022 will not count. Do not include them in the report or the calculations to determine the win record.
- C. A player will not be seeded and permitted to participate in the **individual invitational** if the nomination form is not filed by the deadline of Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Matches that Qualify

- A. Only regular season play will be counted toward meeting the qualifying standard.
- B. In leagues where a singles player repeats during a match in doubles, only the singles match counts toward the players’ record.
- C. Only the first two matches against the same opponent counts toward the record.

Number of Entries Per School – A school may nominate **one (1) #1 singles player and one (1) #2 singles player** who meet the minimum qualifying standard and **one (1) #1 and one (1) #2 doubles team** who meet the minimum qualifying standard in the Invitational Tournament.

Singles or Doubles – No entrant may play in both singles and doubles.

Location: Wesleyan University

Dates and Times: Note: Rain Dates may cause adjustments in schedule

Monday, June 6	Opening Rounds, singles and doubles, 10 am
Tuesday, June 7	Round of 16, 1:00;
Wednesday, June 10	Quarter Finals, 3:00;
Thursday, June 11	Semi Finals, 3:00
Friday, Jun 12	Finals, 3:00
Saturday, June 13	Rain Day

BOYS / GIRLS TENNIS GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

1. Hand sanitizer and wipes available at the courts.
2. The host should disinfect benches or seats at the site.
3. Everyone must wear masks when entering the court areas.
4. Host team will provide the tennis balls.
5. Athletic directors / school medical personnel should evaluate all pre-existing and current health conditions.
6. Refuse containers should be available on site.

Guidelines for Coaches

1. Coaches must wear masks upon entering the court area, which includes the areas surrounding the courts.
2. Coaches must maintain social distance from all others.
3. No handshakes at any time.
4. No gum chewing, spitting or other unsanitary practices are permitted.
5. No pre- or post-game team meetings at the site.
6. Check with the host site ahead of time for any protocols that may apply to that facility.
7. Arrive at the assigned time and leave immediately upon the conclusion of your student-athletes competition.
8. Take individual water bottles, towels, etc.

Guidelines for Players

1. No gum chewing, spitting or other unsanitary practices.
2. Clean and sanitize racquets before and after each match.
3. Clearly verbalize the score before each point.
4. Maintain social distancing if changing ends of the court and when taking a break. Crossover in a clockwise direction.
5. Do not shake hands after a match. Offer a verbal “good match” or a racquet tap at the end of a match.
6. Wear a mask at all times except when active on the court.
7. Do not share water bottles, towels or other items.
8. Be on time for matches and depart the court immediately after the match concludes.
9. Headbands, wristbands and caps are recommended to avoid contact with the face.
10. Hand sanitizer is to be used after a match concludes.
11. When playing doubles, coordinate with partners to maintain physical distancing.
12. Players should remain positive and refrain from any outbursts, and loud exclamations.

2022 Girls Tennis Schedule – Must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center. Failure to submit schedule of games may result in disqualification for the tournament. Games cannot be added to schedule after April 9, 2022. Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

2022 Girls Tennis Change of Division – Any principal desiring a change to a higher division must make a request to the Girls Tennis Committee via the password-protected online eligibility center no later than Friday, April 1, 2022. Schools electing to move up a division must remain in the division for a period of two (2) years.

GIRLS TENNIS TEAM ROSTER FORM – Can be submitted on the online eligibility center or the submit scores/forms option under the CIAC for coaches menu at ciacsports.com by Friday, May 20, 2022. Report all matches won or lost with member schools online on the day of the match as soon as possible following the match's completion. Date of last match to count is Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Scores for all matches played should be completed and reported via the online eligibility center, the "submit scores/forms" option of the CIAC for Coaches menu at ciacsports.com, or the submit scores button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site by Wednesday, May 25, 2022, by 7:00 p.m. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper's access code, those codes are managed via the online eligibility center and can be retrieved from a school's athletic director. All matches cancelled should be reported on the tournament entry in place of score. Principals must file cancelled game/forfeit form if match is to be counted.

If your team qualifies for tournament play, your courts must be made available for CIAC tournament play.

ALL REGULAR SEASON TEAM SCORES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE CIAC OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MATCH, NOT LATER THAN MAY 25th. THIS INCLUDES TEAMS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE TOURNAMENT.

Team Tournament Roster – Do not list the same player in the single ladder and double ladder – even though you may change the player to singles OR doubles before their first match. List all members of your team – a player not listed will NOT be permitted to compete in the tournament. Players will be played in the order of their listing.

Entry Fee of \$100 must be mailed to the CIAC office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

GIRLS INVITATIONAL NOMINATION FORM – Nomination forms for each singles or doubles entry must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by Wed, May 25, 2022.

CERTIFICATIONS/COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Required coaching certifications, including medical certifications, can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Temporary coaching permit application can be found at this link: http://ctcoachinged.org/ed_186.pdf
- 5 Year coaching permit application can be found at this link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_185.pdf
- Information on concussion training and certification can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Information on Coaching Permit Renewal for the State of Connecticut can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Coaching-Permit-Renewal>

- Concussion training for coaches: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/student_and_parent_concussion_informed_consent_form.pdf?la=en
- Connecticut Coaching Education Program: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Coaching Education Overview: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Coaching Course Registration: <http://ctcoachinged.org/Permit.html>
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Renewal: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches_sudden_cardiac_arrest_awareness_annual_review.pdf?la=en
- Concussion Renewal Form: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/Concussion_and_Head_Injury_Annual_Review_for_Coaches_2019-20.pdf?la=en
- Mandated Reporter Training: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>
- EpiPen Training: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/preview-kits/anaphylaxis-epinephrine-auto-injector>
- Coaches Guide to Dehydration and other Heat Illnesses: <https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/heat-illness-parent-coach-guide.pdf>

Volunteer Coaches – The State of Connecticut Department of Education does not distinguish between volunteer or paid coaches when considering certifications or responsibilities. All coaches who are responsible for, or instruct students in any way must follow Connecticut State Law for certifications and responsibilities. Therefore, volunteer coaches are required to obtain the same certifications as all other coaches.

2022 GIRLS TEAM TENNIS DIVISIONS Needs to be updated for 2022

<u>Class LL – 621 and Over (34)</u>			
Cheshire	719	New Canaan	645
Danbury	1630	New Milford	621
Darien	689	Newtown	742
East Hartford	828	Norwalk	902
Enfield	749	Norwalk – Brien McMahon	1022
Fairfield Ludlowe	789	Norwich Free Academy	1173
Fairfield Warde	702	Ridgefield	806
Farmington	641	Shelton	694
Glastonbury	1021	Simsbury	643
Greenwich	1374	South Windsor	627
Hamden	750	Southington	1056
Manchester	795	Stamford	1210
Middletown	687	Stamford – Westhill	1212
New Britain	1456	Trumbull	1113
		West Hartford – Conard	704

West Hartford – Wm. Hall	743
West Haven	807
Westport – Staples	884
Wilton	638
Woodbridge – Amity Reg.	737

Wethersfield	565
Windsor	597
Woodstock Academy	550

No Team - LL

Bridgeport Central	843
New Haven – Wilbur Cross	801

No Team – L	
Bridgeport – Warren Harding	616
Waterbury Career	459

*Co-op team

Class L – 440 – 620 (34)

Avon	447
Branford	441
Bristol Central	592
Bristol Eastern	554
East Haven	440
East Lyme	518
Groton – Fitch	538
Guilford	565
Hartford – Bulkeley / HMTCA *	520
Hartford Public	481
Hebron – RHAM	464
Madison – Daniel Hand	470
Meriden – Maloney	615
Meriden – Platt	505
Milford – Foran	442
Monroe – Masuk	513
Naugatuck	591
New Haven – Hillhouse	539
New London	454
Newington	610
North Haven	511
Southbury – Pomperaug	602
Storrs – E.O. Smith	574
Stratford	546
Stratford – Bunnell	538
Trumbull – St. Joseph	445
Vernon – Rockville	445
Wallingford – Lyman Hall	570
Waterbury – Crosby	601
Waterbury – Kennedy	548
Waterbury – Wilby	544

Class M – 305 – 439 (35)

Beacon Falls – Woodland	331
Berlin	425
Bethel	428
Bridgeport – Bullard Havens	407
Brookfield	423
Burlington – Lewis Mills	358
Colchester – Bacon Academy	385
Deep River – Valley Reg.	305
Ellington	377
Hamden – Sacred Heart Academy	416
Hartford – A.I. Prince	346
Higganum – Haddam-Killingworth	313
Killingly	415
Ledyard	405
Meriden – Wilcox Tech.	329
Middletown – Mercy	405
Milford – Jonathan Law	398
Milford – Luralton Hall	363
New Fairfield	359
New Haven – Career	380
Plainville	311
Redding – Joel Barlow	430
Rocky Hill	369
Seymour	348
Stonington	317
Suffield	414
Tolland	398
Torrington	421
Wallingford – Sheehan	401
Waterford	414
Watertown	373
Weston	370
Winsted – N.W. Reg.	381
Wolcott	363
Woodbury – Nonnewaug	380

No Team - M

Bridgeport – Bassick	325
New Haven – Amistad	390
Plainfield	323
Waterbury – Kaynor Tech.	359

Class S – Up to 304 (41)

Ansonia	254
Bloomfield	269
Bolton	128
Bristol – St. Paul	211
Canton	235
Clinton – Morgan School	291
Coventry	235
Cromwell	261
Danbury – Abbott Tech.	271
Danbury – Immaculate	229

Durham – Coginchaug	240
East Granby	131
Fairfield – Notre Dame Catholic	258
Falls Village – Housatonic Valley	175
Granby Memorial	278
Groton – Grasso Southeastern Tech.	194
Hartford – Capital Prep.	96
Hartford – Classical	119
Lebanon – Lyman Memorial	168
Litchfield	129
Litchfield – Wamogo	239
Manchester – East Catholic	267
Milford – Platt Tech.	294
Montville	292
North Branford	288
Norwich Tech.	277
Old Lyme	234
Old Saybrook	213
Oxford	292
Portland	184
Somers	208
Thomaston	132
Uncasville – St. Bernard	116
Washington – Shepaug Valley	141
Waterbury – Holy Cross	176
Waterbury – Sacred Heart	137
West Hartford – N.W. Catholic	243
Westbrook	110
Windsor Locks	177
Windham / Windham Tech. *	265
Winsted – Gilbert School	150

No Team - S

Ansonia – O'Brien	275	Killingly	198
Bloomfield – MLC	201	Manchester – Cheney	150
Bridgeport – Kolbe	149	Middletown – Vinal	121
Chaplin – Parish Hill	40	New Britain – Goodwin	285
Derby	191	New Britain – Innovation	253
East Hampton	236	N. Stonington-Wheeler	95
East Windsor	124	Putnam	128
Enfield – Civic	167	Sprague – Holy Family	38
Griswold	285	Stafford	182
Htfd – Achievement	155	Stamford – Wright	181
Hartford – SMSA	168	Thompson-Tourtellote	110
Hartford – University	167	Torrington-Wolcott Tech	218
Hamden – Whitney	299	Terryville	189
Hale Ray	135	Weaver	264
		Windsor – AAE	125

Do not have a team – If you have a girls spring tennis team, please notify the CIAC office (203) 250-1111.