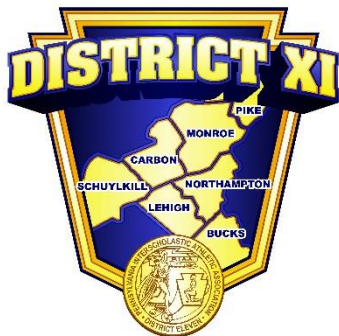


2019-20 DISTRICT XI GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

presented by ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK

DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF DISTRICT XI GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Tuesday, September 24, 2019** Girls Singles and Doubles Entries e-mailed to Thomas Moll by 11:00am
Girls Singles Seeding Meetings; Catasauqua High School
6:45pm "AA" and 8:15pm "AAA"
- Monday, September 30, 2019** Girls "AA" Singles First and Second Rounds, 11:30am at Lehigh University
Girls "AAA" Singles First and Second Rounds, 11:30am at Lehigh University
- Tuesday, October 1, 2019** Girls "AA" and "AAA" Singles Quarterfinals and Semifinals
1:30pm at Parkland High School
- Thursday, October 3, 2019** Girls "AA" and "AAA" Singles Finals at Lehigh University
"AA" at 2:00pm and "AAA" at 2:00pm
- Monday, October 7, 2019** Girls "AA" and "AAA" Team Quarterfinals, 3:00pm at higher seed
- Tuesday, October 8, 2019** Girls "AA" and "AAA" Team Semifinals, 3:00pm at higher seed
Girls Doubles Seeding Meetings; Catasauqua High School
7:00pm "AA" and 7:45pm "AAA"
- Thursday, October 10, 2019** Girls Team Finals at Lehigh University
"AA" and "AAA" at 2:00pm
- Monday, October 14, 2019** Girls "AA" Doubles First and Second Rounds, 11:30am at Lehigh University
Girls "AAA" Doubles First and Second Rounds, 11:30am at Lehigh University
- Tuesday, October 15, 2019** Girls "AA" and "AAA" Doubles Quarterfinals and Semifinals
1:30pm at Parkland High School
- Thursday, October 17, 2019** Girls "AA" and "AAA" Doubles Finals at Lehigh University
"AA" at 2:00pm and "AAA" at 2:00pm
- Tuesday, October 22, 2019** PIAA Girls Team Tennis First Round at Winning Touch-Lehigh Valley
"AAA" at 12:30pm



SITE AND LOCATION OF DISTRICT XI TENNIS TOURNAMENTS AND MEETINGS:

Catasauqua High School 2500 West Bullshead Road Northampton, PA 18067	Parkland High School 2700 N. Cedar Crest Blvd Allentown, PA 18104	Lehigh University 124 Goodman Drive Bethlehem, PA 18015	Winning Touch Tennis- LV 1166 North Sherman Street Allentown, PA 18109
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DISTRICT XI TENNIS COMMITTEE AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Tournament Director: Work: (610) 697-0111 ext. 2	Thomas Moll, II Cell: (484) 357-6278	E-mail: mollt@cattysd.org
Assistant Tournament Director: Work: (610) 759-1362	Raymond Ramella Cell: (484) 294-5785	E-mail: rramella@nazarethasd.org

The District XI Committee, or its representative, is the decision-making authority on any questions or problems that arise as a result of the tournament. A Tournament Director will be appointed by the District XI Tennis Committee to conduct the seeding meetings and tournament. This person is responsible for all tennis-related activities.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SINGLES AND DOUBLES TENNIS: Each school is eligible to enter one (1) singles player and one (1) doubles team in boys and girls. Additional entries will be accepted to the complete the 32-person draw. All additional entries must play the #2 or #3 position on their team.

METHOD OF SEEDING: Coaches or a school designee must be present at the seeding meetings and submit up-to-date records if they expect to enter their #2 and/or #3 players/teams in singles and doubles.

1. A #2 entry must have won a minimum of 50% of his/her matches at the #2 position.
 2. In order for a #3 entry to be considered for the tournament, the school's #2 entry must have won a minimum of 50% of his/ her matches. All remaining openings in the draw will be filled with the #2 and #3 players based on the coaches vote at the seeding meeting.
 3. The Tournament Director may waive items A and B above in order to fill the draw.
 4. Additional players will be selected according to the following criteria:
Win/Loss record at 1st, 2nd or 3rd singles or doubles during present season.
Head-to-head matches with other district players
Two alternates will be chosen in the case of defaults
Once a player or team is in the draw, a coach cannot substitute another player or team. The alternate will take the place of the player/team.
- A. All contestants must be accompanied by a school district coach or representative.
 - B. If school does not sponsor a team, the applicant must be accompanied by a PIAA Eligibility sheet.
 - C. A tournament seeding meeting will be scheduled prior to the District singles and doubles tennis tournament.
 - D. Players will be seeded and selected for the tournament under the guidelines of the District XI Committee.
A coach or a school designee is required to attend the seeding meetings.
 - D. Eight (8) players for singles and doubles will be seeded in each tournament.
 - E. #1 and #2 players or doubles teams from the same school will be placed in different quarters of the draw excluding seeds.) A #3 entry will not play his/her teammate(s) in the first round.

FINANCES: Reimbursement and expenses will be paid in accordance with District XI Policy.

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS: Referees will be assigned by the District XI Tennis Chairperson, as deemed necessary. Referees will be paid by the District at the conclusion of the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT: PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let all contests reflect mutual respect. Coaches will certify prior to the contest that teams are legally equipped according to the rules of that contest.

RULES OF PLAY:

1. All matches will consist of the best of three (3) sets. The third set in the first round will consist of a ten-point match tie-break.
2. The set tiebreak is a standard 7-point (first to seven by a margin of 2) tiebreak used to decide sets when the set score reaches 6-6.
3. First and second round matches will be No-Ad scoring. Quarterfinal, semifinal and finals will be regular scoring.
4. Coaches may talk with their players during 60-second changeovers and for one (1) minute between the first and second set. However, players may not leave the court. Players may leave the court area for a ten (10) minute break between the second and third sets if one or both players request the break.
5. All players shall wear their school issued team uniform.
6. Both players should report their scores to the Tournament Director immediately following their match. Balls are to be returned to the Tournament Director.
7. Players should check with the Tournament Director for the time of all matches. Any player failing to report a match at the designated time will be subject to the USTA point penalty system.
8. All players are expected to call lines for their matches except for the finals when an umpire is available. A player may request the Tournament Director to designate a person to act as the umpire during a match if problems occur concerning line calls.
9. USTA rules will govern all play. The point penalty system will be in effect for tardiness and unsportsmanlike conduct. The purpose of this system is to deter, not punish, unsportsmanlike conduct, including tardiness.
10. USTA approved tennis balls will be used for all tournament play. A new can will be opened at the beginning of the third set of singles only beginning with the second round.
11. Players will be allowed five (5) minutes for injuries. If the player is unable to resume play after the allotted time, the player shall default the match.
12. The warm-up period shall be five (5) minutes in length, including practice serves.
13. A minimum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed between matches unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director.
14. Parents and/or spectators will not be permitted to advise or instruct contestants during competition.

AWARDS: Medals are presented for first, second and third place in each category. (The losers in the semifinal matches will both receive third place medals.)

2019-20 DISTRICT XI GIRLS TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF GIRLS TEAM TENNIS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP:

These three (3) dates are needed to play the tournament:

Quarterfinals	Monday, October 7, 2019	3:00pm
Semifinals	Tuesday, October 8, 2019	3:00pm
Finals	Thursday, October 10, 2019	2:00pm "AA" 2:00pm "AAA"

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS: A team planning on entering Team Districts must have played a minimum of eleven (11) contracted matches. This conforms to PIAA regulations for the PIAA State Tennis Championships.

METHOD OF SEEDING: The eight (8) teams qualifying for the tournament will be determined by the PIAA District XI Power Rating System that is detailed on the District XI website. Seeding for the tournament will be based on the final Power Rating System ranking, with priority given to preferential seeding of league/conference champions. **The district deadline for matches to count for seeding purpose for the Team Tournament is Thursday, October 3rd.** Teams qualifying for the Team Tournament must submit a completed District XI Team Ladder Line-Up to the District XI Tennis Chairman on the night of the Singles Seeding Meeting. The brackets for the tournament will be posted on the District XI website on the Friday prior to the quarterfinal round.

- All team championship matches are regular scoring in all rounds, which include the quarterfinals, semifinals and championship rounds.

SITES: Quarterfinals and semifinals will be played at the site of the higher seeds. The finals will be played at **Lehigh University (outside courts).**

BALLS: The home team is responsible for providing five (5) cans of unopened tennis balls for the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. District XI will provide tennis balls for the finals.

AWARDS: 1 trophy and 10 gold medals for the Team Champions, and 10 silver medals for the runners-up.

2019 PIAA GIRLS' TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Each Team shall consist of three (3) Singles Players and two (2) Doubles teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles).
2. Each Team, listing students in order of ability, shall establish a strength ladder from 1 to 10. The strength ladder submitted for the Team shall represent the best player at that time at 1st singles, the next best at 2nd singles, and the next at 3rd singles, and so on. The first three (3) student-athletes shall play singles in the order that they are listed on the strength ladder. From the remaining members of the team, two doubles teams are to be selected with the stronger doubles combination playing 1st Doubles. Due to the difference in skill level among doubles players, the singles ladder is not the defining criteria for establishing doubles. No player shall be eligible for singles or doubles team unless they are listed on the team's strength ladder.
3. Each Team shall also establish a lineup (1st, 2nd, & 3rd singles, 1st & 2nd doubles). The strength ladder and lineup shall be submitted at the beginning of their District Team Tennis Tournament to the District Tournament director. A team's strength ladder and lineup **may not be changed** throughout the respective District and Inter-District Team Tennis Tournament.
4. Substitutions may be made only in cases of illness, injury, or severe personal hardship. (As determined appropriate by the Tournament Director). The school's athletic administration and/or Head Tennis Coach shall provide supporting documentation for such substitutions. **A team may elect to substitute or not substitute when the above authorized substitution conditions are present.**
 - a. An ill or injured player may be substituted for and then be reentered in the same position in the team's strength ladder, upon documented authorization from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine.
 - i. Teams are prohibited from making substitutions that would allow an ill or injured player to be moved from playing singles to doubles, and then back to singles when the ill or injured player has recovered, even with a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine's documented authorization.
 - b. Singles substitution can be made from any of the remaining players on the team's strength ladder, and shall result in the three singles players playing in order of their ability as determined by the strength ladder. A Doubles Team does not have to be disrupted in order to replace a singles player. If a member of the team's Double Team is designated the substitute for the singles position, then the resulting vacant doubles position should be replaced by a player on the team's strength ladder who was not previously assigned to a doubles team.
 - c. Doubles Team substitutions, are direct-line substitutions only. Substitution of both doubles partners is prohibited, if only one of the two players experiences an illness, injury, or severe personal hardship.
 - i. A team may not substitute a player from one of their established Doubles Teams to fill in a spot on the school's other Doubles Team.
 - d. Changing the strength order of the Doubles Teams after any direct-line substitution is prohibited.

5. **Stacking is NOT Permissible.**

Sports such as tennis, have unwritten codes of ethics that are traditional and inherent in the playing rules. Coaches and players have a responsibility to uphold the ethics of tennis as well as the game rules. In an effort to promote fair play and wholesome team competition, coaches shall submit legitimate lineups based on the skill ability of their participating players. Under no circumstances shall a coach stack a lineup. "Stacking" or moving players around with the intent of gaining a competitive advantage is prohibited. Individual matches (singles and/or doubles) will be subject to forfeiture for violation of this rule.

***For a complete listing of the Team Tennis rules please see the Team Championship Memorandum**

On the next page you will find the Strength Ladder and Lineup that needs to be filled out by each coach. This form must be completed and returned to the District XI Tennis Chairman at the Singles Seeding meeting. This form must also be presented at the site for each District XI and PIAA Team Tennis Championship Match.

STRENGTH LADDER & LINE-UP FORM

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to complete this form in full may subject the Team to disqualification from the PIAA Team Tournament. Accuracy and completeness in individual player and Doubles Team strength is mandatory. A team's strength ladder and lineup **may not be changed** throughout the respective District and Inter-District Team Tennis Tournament.

SCHOOL NAME: _____ **PIAA DISTRICT:** _____ **CLASS:** _____

STRENGTH LADDER	
NAME	GRADE
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

TEAM LINE-UP	
POSITION	NAME
First Singles:	
Second Singles:	
Third Singles:	
First Doubles:	
Second Doubles:	

COACH SIGNATURE: _____

COACH'S PHONE #: _____

PIAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____