

Welcome to this year's Divisional Tennis Tournament. The Divisional tournament will be held on four courts. All matches will be played outdoors at the CHS tennis courts.

Our division will qualify **SIX** singles and **FOUR** doubles for boys and **FOUR** singles and **THREE** doubles for girls for the 2017 State B-C Tennis Tourney in Missoula on May 18-20.

<u>Fees</u>: There will be a fee assessed for the cost of tennis balls for this tournament. The Tournament fee will be \$50 PER SCHOOL. Please make your checks out to Choteau High School.

**Practice Courts:** Play will begin at **9:00** am both Fri. and Sat. Courts will be available starting at **7:30** am. Each team will be assigned one practice court and will need to be cleared off courts by **8:45** am.

<u>Coaches Meeting:</u> There will be a coaches meeting at **8:30** am on Friday morning. At **8:50** on Friday there will also be a participant meeting as well.

Brackets and rules are attached. Programs will be handed out at coaches meeting.

\*Play will begin at 9:00 am both Friday and Saturday\*

\*Concessions will be available both Friday and Saturday\*

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carden Moore at (309) 838-5580 or at carden.moore@choteauschools.net

It is the coach's responsibility to ensure participants understanding and compliance of MHSA rules.

# III - Playing Rules for MHSA Tennis Applies to all Post Season Play

USTA playing rules will be used for all competition in addition to any local rules or MHSA rules and regulations. The host manager or their designee will be the sole judge on rule interpretations. The site director serves as the umpire at each site, unless an official rules umpire is present. Situations brought to the judge will not include team or individual names so the ruling can be as objective as possible.

#### Competitors' conduct

- All tennis players in MHSA sanctioned tournaments shall be penalized one team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site after a match or before the next match or at the end the tournament. Any contestant disqualified in an individual tournament competition is not entitled to any points earned in the tournament. All advancement points and placement points are negated. All vacancies created in the tournament pairing shall be scored as forfeits. During the match, players are under the point penalty system of warning, point, game, match. Warnings of this rule shall be written in pretournament letters and given to all players at the pretournament meeting
- Each tennis court should have a site director and that director should be in charge of administering the penalty system above for violation/abuse of any equipment or facilities, abusive language, abusive gestures, and other obnoxious, offensive behavior.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the tournament site includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: throwing rackets or any equipment, swearing, intentionally hitting game balls out of the court, being abusive to tournament officials, and fighting.

<u>Coaching Information</u> - the MHSA has instituted this best practice in relationship to coaching rules in all classifications of MHSA tennis:

- Eligible member school tennis coaches are permitted to talk with their player(s):
  - At 90 second change overs, except following the first game of a set. During shortened sets, coaches will be allowed to coach after the first game when the score is 3-2.
  - At 120 second change set break (end of set)
  - At split sets 10 minute rest period when playing regular 3rd set or 120 seconds with match tiebreaker

NOTE: Coaches may <u>not</u> coach players during a bathroom break or a medical timeout (during a medical timeout, coaches can treat players for an injury, just not use this as a coaching opportunity) (per USTA rules)

- Locations where coaching can occur:
  - Outside Courts coaching will be at the fence, not on the court. The tournament manager may also determine other coaching locations, based on the facility setup.
  - Inside Courts Tournament managers will determine the coaching locations
- Who can coach to be an approved coach, an individual must:
  - Be approved by their local school district administration.
  - Have passed the MHSA Coaches Education Program.
  - Have been a bona fide member of the coaching staff during the season.
  - Have proper identification
- o Coaches are expected to help with the crowd control at the sites.

<u>Decisions</u> - The decision must be made on each play. There is no replay of a point except in the case of a let. Only coaches and players can ask the site director to put a judge on the court to make calls if a problem arises.

<u>Feathers worn in the hair -</u> Below is how we are will interpret feathers, tinsel or beads that are worn in the hair. We will treat this type of hair device very similar to the NFHS Volleyball Rules. Under NFHS Volleyball Rule 4-1-5 "hair devices made of soft material and no more than 2 inches wide may be worn."

- The rule does not specify the device must be used for hair control
- The feather or tinsel cannot be wider than 2 inches. Length is not addressed in the rule. Most of these will not exceed a width of 2 inches.
- Items that fall within the rule would have to be considered in context with the rules
- If an item presents a problem falling out assess USTA Rules
- If the item is inappropriate by sportsmanship standards prohibit the item from being worn
- Hard and unyielding items being worn are prohibited
- If an item presents a problem falling out (beads), USTA rules will be followed.

<u>Hair Control Devices</u> - Hair devices made of soft material or unadorned hair devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes, or hair clips, no longer than 2 inches, may be worn to control a player's hair. Hair adornments made of soft material and no more than two inches wide may be worn.

<u>Inclement Weather Format – Inside -</u> See Rules for Divisional and State Sections for Inclement Weather Formats

<u>Jewelry Policy</u> - No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in any sport. Any piece of jewelry that is visible at the start of or during a contest is in violation of the MHSA Jewelry Policy. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible.

If a competitor is observed wearing jewelry during competition the competitor, without delaying competition, shall remove the jewelry before any further competition. If it can't be removed, the competitor will not be allowed to compete until he/she is legally equipped. The tournament manager shall record the name of the competitor, school, event, time the violation occurred and description of prohibited item. The tournament manager shall then notify the head coach of the offending school of the violation. The tournament manager will keep track of the competitor, school, gender and time of day the time warning was given. Any further violations of wearing jewelry by that member of the team shall result in disqualification of the competitor from the event. The tournament manager may exercise some discretion when a new violation is reported within minutes of the team warning being issued.

The protocol for communication of a violation will be established by the tournament manager before the tournament begins.

<u>Match Tiebreaker</u> - Match Tiebreakers are sometimes played in lieu of a third set (See Indoor Format below). They follow the same rules and service rotations as the Set 7-Point Tiebreaker, except the winner is the first to score 10 points by a margin of 2.

<u>Match Warm-ups</u> - Outside and inside warm-up time will be 10 minutes. This warm up will be timed and this time includes serving and net play. Tournament managers may shorten the warm-up to 5 minutes for special situations.

#### **Medical Information and Medical Timeouts**

- In the event of injury, a maximum of 5 minutes for both the diagnosis and treatment, treatment will not exceed 3 minutes
- o The time starts when trainer or coach arrives at site.
- o The player must be able to play within 15 minutes or the opponent may win by default.
- o There is no additional injury time granted for the same injury.
- o Bleeding timeout treatment time ends when bleeding has stopped and playing area has been cleaned. Maximum amount of treatment time is 15 minutes for bleeding.

<u>Nets</u> - All tennis nets must be regulation height. Competitors are prohibited from changing the nets.

#### **Normal Format - Outside**

- Best of 3 sets and regular scoring will be used
- USTA Set (7 point) tiebreaker will be used See Tie Breaker Sheet (1st to 7 points by 2 point margin)
- o 10 minutes rest will be allowed if split sets
- o There should be 2 tennis balls per match
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.

Rest Time Between Matches - USTA rules state there is a 60 minutes rest between singles and doubles matches if competitors are playing full matches (including any matches using a match tiebreak for the 3rd set). When players are involved in back to back matches, the MHSA will allow a minimum of 30 minute rest period and a maximum of 60 minutes rest period for both singles and doubles competition. After the 30 minute rest period, the match will be allowed to begin if both the players and coaches involved are ready to start the match.

For consistency, the MHSA recommends a minimum of 30 minutes rest for all matches.

<u>Set Tie Breaker</u> - The MHSA Method of Breaking Ties (USTA Set (7-point) Tie Breaker) will be used throughout the tournament, except for the tiebreaker mentioned in the Inclement weather format section.

<u>Scoring Devices</u> - If possible, scoring devices should be available to keep score at each court. Please inform players to use them.

<u>Uniforms for Competitors</u>: Per MHSA Tennis Rules, Section I, General Rules and Regulations, item 2, which can be found under the MHSA Uniform/Dress Codes rules in this manual or in the MHSA Handbook

#### Class Specific Rules -

During competition at all AA divisional tournaments players shall be limited to three full matches or five abbreviated matches per day.

During competition at all Class A divisional tournaments players shall be limited to four full matches per day. There is no match limit per day for shortened matches.

During competition at all Class B/C Divisional Tennis Meets, players will be limited to 3 full matches per day unless players have played less than 6 hours, then 4 matches would be allowed. There is no match limit per day for shortened matches.

# IV - RULES FOR DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS

#### <u>Competition Format – Normal Conditions</u>

See Section III of this manual - Playing Rules for MHSA Tennis - Normal Format - Outside

#### **Competition Format - Inclement Weather Format**

Option 1 - Best of 3 sets. Sets 1 & 2 regular but each set will be shortened by starting at 2 games each. Set 3 - 10 point match tiebreaker - first to 10 points but win by 2. A 120 second set break, if split sets. Once a round has started, the scoring format will be the same whether the round is finished inside or outside. If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format; Tournament Director can modify to no add scoring if needed.

Option 2 – Ten (10) game pro-set with no add.

The decision of which format to use for shortened matches will be decided by the tournament manager in consultation with the MHSA

#### **Divisional Manager**

Each division is responsible for selecting a site and manager for its divisional tournament. In case of foul weather the tournament will be held on the Monday following the regular scheduled time of the divisional meet, with the approval of the MHSA Executive Director.

#### **Divisional Scoring**

- Scoring in Class AA divisional tournaments will be: 1st-7 points; 2nd-5 points; 3rd-3 points; 4th-1 point.
- Scoring in Class A divisional tournaments will be: 1st-10 points; 2nd-7 points; 3rd-4 points; and 4th-2 points.
- Scoring in the divisional B-C tournaments will be 1st-10 points; 2nd 7 points; 3rd 4 points; 4th 2 points

The four events are boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. To determine team champions in all of the divisional tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winners bracket and one (1) advancement point for those advancing on the consolation brackets, one point also for defaults, forfeits and disqualifications. Byes receive two (2) points on the winners' side of the bracket if the individuals win their next match and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket.

#### **Entries**

All entries to the divisional meet shall be forwarded to the divisional meet manager one week in advance of the divisional tournament.

#### **Events**

Events will be boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles. Both boys and girls shall be allowed to enter one event only, either singles or doubles, but not both.

#### **Entries Per Classification at the Divisional Tournament**

- Class AA may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, four boys 'doubles teams and four girls' doubles teams in competition.
- Class A may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, three boys 'doubles teams and three girls' doubles teams in competition.
- Class B/C may enter four boys' single participants, four girls' participants, two boys 'doubles teams and two girls' doubles teams in competition.

#### **Qualifiers for the State Tournament**

- The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams from each divisional tournament in Classes AA and A will advance to the state tournament.
- Boys 4 Boys Divisions: Each division will qualify 6 singles players for a 24 player bracket at state and 4 doubles teams for a 16 team bracket at state
- Girls 8 Girls Divisions Each of the divisions will now qualifies 4 singles players (32 player singles bracket) and 3 doubles teams 24 team bracket to state.

#### Same School Matchups

Care should be taken to avoid, when possible, early round confrontation of contestants from the same school.

#### Seeding

Each division will be charged with the responsibility of determining the divisional tournament seeding criteria. Suggested criteria for seeding entries could include the following: past record in previous state high school meets, divisional meets, head to head competition with most recent matches carrying the most weight, and record against common opponents.

#### **Substitutes**

Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the divisional meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute shall not be a qualifier from any other tennis event.

#### **NORTHWEST B-C DIVISIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

#### MAY 10-11, 2017 CHOTEAU, MONTANA **GIRLS SINGLES BRACKET Gunderson CH CHOTEAU BULLDOGS** CONRAD COWBOYS **GFC MUSTANGS S1 CUTBANK WOLVES** BYE S13 S9 **S29** 5<sup>th</sup> Seifert CB S19 S2 Purpura GFC Loser 12 **S17** Bartsch CON S23 **S3** BYE **S14 S25 S1** 0 Weaver CB S20 \$4 Loser 17 BYE Loser 11 **S27** Riphenburg CH 1st Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **\$5 S28** BYE **S15 S1** 1 Casamenti CON S21 **S6** First Rider CB Loser 10 **S18** Barret CB **S24 S7** BYE **S16 S1** S26

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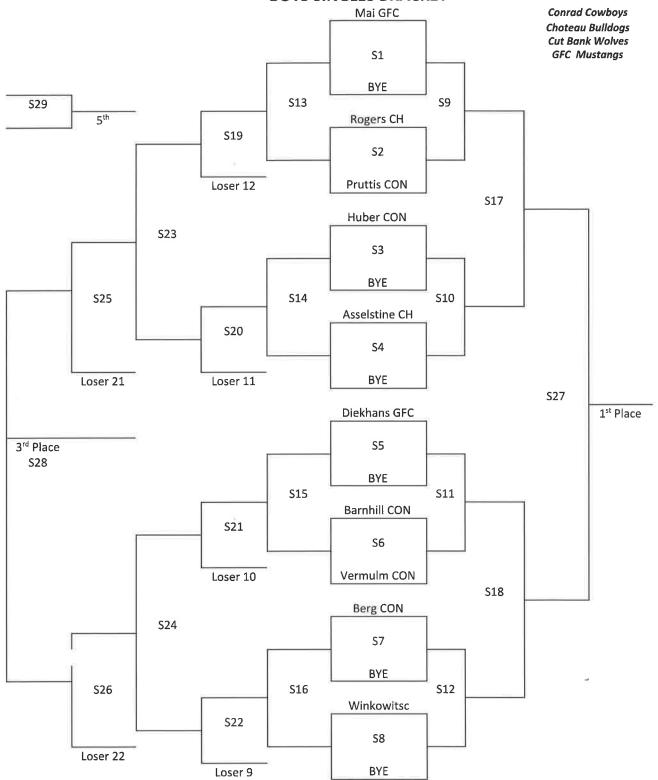
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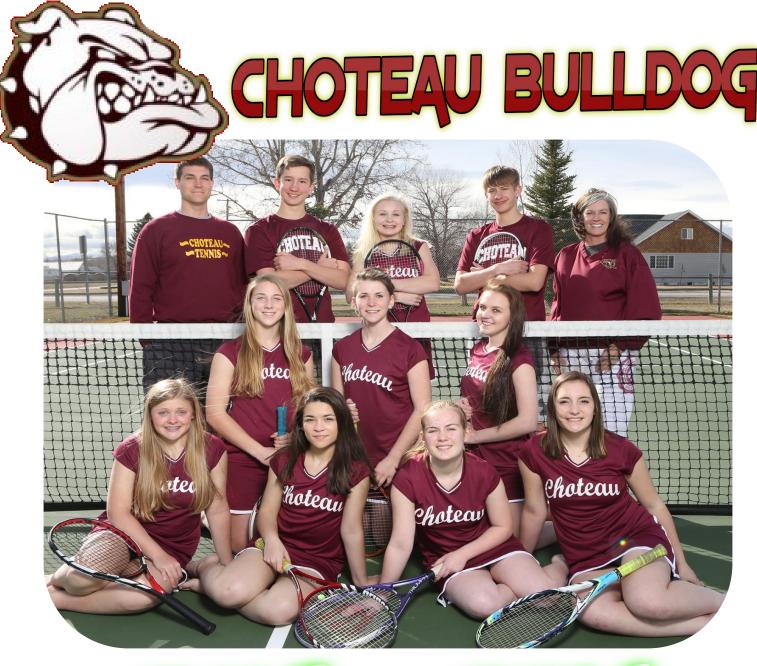
#### Northwest B-C DIVISIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

May 10-11 Choteau, Mt

#### **BOYS SINGLES BRACKET**



Boys Doubles	Kraft/Matt Cut Bank D1	Bye D5  Larson / Paulsen Conrad	D2 Meiwald/Rarenees Cut Rank			Padilla/ Judisch Conrad	(Loser 7) D14	(Loser 8)
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				3rd D12			(Loser 9)	(Loser 10)





# **Singles**

- 1. Daniel Asselstine 10
- 2. Ryan Rogers 10



# **Singles**

- 1. Michaela Gunderson 10
- 2. Vanessa Riphenburg 12
- 3. Christina McKenzie 09

# **Doubles**

- Heather Miller 11 & Hannah Antonsen 11
- 2. Rebekah Major 09 & Arieanna Gascon 09

Coaches: Carden Moore, Lisa Scott, & Bob Scott





# **Singles**

- 1. Dawson Berg 12
- 2. Tyler Huber 12
- 3. Ron Barnhill 09
- 4. Jette Pruttis 10

### **Doubles**

- 1. Austin Padilla 12 & Clint Judisch 11
- 2. Bert Paulsen 12 & Parker Larson 12



# **Singles**

- 1. Alyssa Bartsch 09
- 2. Carly Behr 11
- 3. Martina Casamenti 11

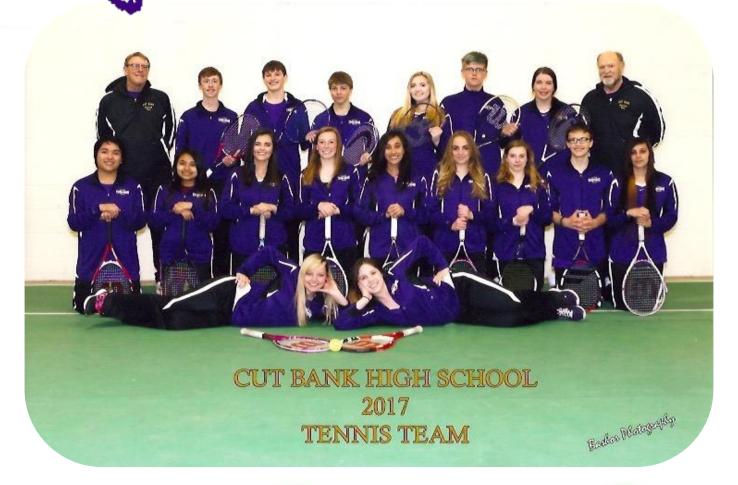
# **Doubles**

- Dalayne VanDyke 11 & Dania Jones 11
- 2. Hayley Ries 11 & Carley Ries 11

Coaches: Jessica Jensen and Kesler Martin



# CUT BANK WOLVES





# **Singles**

- 1. Hunter Winkowitsch 09
- 2. John Vermulm 10

#### **Doubles**

- Dawson Matt 11 & Colby Kraft 10
- 2. Gus Meiwald 10 & Colten Barsness 09



# **Singles**

- 1. Megan Barret 11
- 2. Jesse Weaver 11
- 3. Sharaira First Rider 09

# **Doubles**

- Deana Gobert 12 & Riley Bird 11
- 2. Lily Overstreet 09 & Shannia Schmidt 09

Coaches: Carden Moore, Lisa Scott, & Bob Scott





# Singles

- 1. Roger Mai 10
- 2. Nick Diekhans 10

## **Doubles**

1. Wyatt Walters 10 & Benson Chu 10

# **Singles**

1. Sam Purpura 09

# **Doubles**

- Hattie Fauque 10 & Britney Schumacher 11
- 2. Alina Aermiya 10 & Yuping Zhong 10

Coaches: Jason Purpura, Brian Clifton, and Vinni Lodolo