Western B Division

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Bigfork, Cut B<mark>ahk, Mission, Su</mark>perior, Troy May 13 & 14 - Bigfork, MT

- 1. Court Site Bigfork High School courts and Bigfork Athletic Club courts will be used
 - Boys Day 1 @ BHS Courts. Boys Day 2 @ Club Courts.
 - Girls Day 1 @ Club Courts. Girls Day 2 @ BHS Courts.
 - Outhouses will be available at both locations.
 - Concessions will not be available.
 - At the conclusion of all matches, both players need to immediately report to the site official to return their game balls and report their score.
- Weather The tournament schedule & sites may have to be altered if forced by inclement weather. Teams are asked to bring squeegees to have on hand in case of wet weather. If an abbreviated scoring is required, a coaches' meeting will be held to verify format (see MHSA Handbook). If weather dictates, play dates will be moved to earlier in the week Week of May 9th 2022.
- 3. Official The Tournament Directors will be Matt Porrovecchio & Luke Haggerty
- 4. **Start Time** A brief coaches meeting will be held at the high school tennis courts (see map) at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13, followed by a players meeting. Play will begin at 10:00 am on Friday & Saturday.

Tournament Rules

Entries – Each school may enter up to four (4) singles participants and two (2) doubles.

Scoring (see MHSA handbook) - To determine team champions in the Divisional Tournament, each school's team will be awarded points based on advancement and placing, using the following criteria:

<u>Advancement</u>: 2 points for every win on the winner's bracket and 1 point for every win on the consolation bracket (no points for loses). Byes receive two (2) points if they win their next match.

Placing:

1st Place 10 Points 2nd Place 7 Points 3rd Place 4 Points 4th Place 3 Points 5th Place 2 Points 6th Place 1 Point

Format

The format for play will be the best two out of three sets with a USTA 7-point set tie breaker (first to 7 with 2-point margin). Players should report to the site official as soon as their match is called. A period of 15 minutes will be allowed after the match has been called. If a player does not report within that 15-minute period, that player will forfeit the match. (*This rule will be strictly enforced.*)

Balls (2) will be issued by the site official when it is time for the match. There will then be a 10-minute warm up which is to include serves.

During the match, players are to use the score cards or tubes on each court. Lets are to be called immediately when a ball rolls onto the court. After the match, both players should report the score. Players faced with consecutive matches will be given 30 min. of rest between matches.

Sportsmanship

All tennis players in MHSA sanctioned events shall be penalized one team point on the first infraction and removed from further play on the second infraction for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the site, after a match, before the next match or at the end of the tournament.

Tournament/site directors will be charged with administering infractions. This includes warning, point, game, and default. (The warning will be given at the beginning of the tournament by the Director.)

Unsportsmanlike conduct on the tournament site includes but is not limited to the following examples: throwing rackets or other equipment, swearing, intentionally hitting game balls out of the court or into the fence, being abusive to tournament officials and fighting.

See MHSA Handbook for more details.

Advancement

Boys: Top four (4) singles participants and top four (4) doubles participants qualify for the State Tournament.

Girls: Top five (5) singles participants and top five (5) doubles participants qualify for the State Tournament.

Seeding Criteria

Care will be made to try and keep high seeds and early round confrontations of contestants from the same school separated. Tournament entries will be due Wednesday, May 11th and a Google Meet seeding meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, May 12th at 6pm.

- 1. Seeding Numbers
 - a. A maximum of four singles players will be seeded.
 - b. A maximum of four doubles teams will be seeded.
 - c. Other players will be placed.
- 2. Criteria
 - a. Head-to-head match results.
 - b. Overall conference record.
 - c. Overall record (both conference and non-conference).
 - d. Placing at last year's state tournament.

We hope that you have a great finish to your season and look forward to seeing you at the tournament.



