



2024

CLASS B/C

CENTRAL-DIVISIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Welcome to the 2024 Central-Divisional Tennis Tournament! This year the tournament will be held in Cut Bank at the Jim Gregg Tennis Complex courts.

Our division will qualify singles and doubles for boys and for girls for the 2024 State B-C Tennis Tourney in Missoula on May 23-25th. At this time we will need a clarification from the MHSA on exactly how many singles and doubles will qualify for the State Tournament.

Fees: There will be a fee assessed for the cost of tennis balls for this tournament. The Tournament fee will be **\$75 PER SCHOOL**. Please make your checks out to Cut Bank Schools.

Scoring:

Normal Format

- Best of 3 sets and regular scoring will be used
- USTA Set (12 point) tiebreaker will be used – (1st to 7 points by 2 point margin)
- 10 minutes rest will be allowed if requested after split sets
- There should be 2 tennis balls per match (new balls may be requested after split sets)
- If indoor courts are being used due to weather issues, scoring may be adjusted accordingly.

Rules: Be sure to review all rules with your athletes prior to the tournament. **It is the coach's responsibility to ensure participants understanding and compliance of MHSA rules.**

Practice Courts: Play will begin at **9:00** am both Fri. and Sat. Courts will be available starting at **8:00** am. Practice courts will need to be cleared off by **8:45** am.

Brackets will follow after seeding is determined. Rules and B/C roster sheets are attached towards the back of rule book. Please fill out roster sheets and return to jimg@bresnan.net (Tournament Manager) at least one week prior to May 17th (as per rule).

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

Concessions will not be provided at the courts.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jim Gregg, (Tournament Manager) at 406-788-1902 or Tres Genger, (Tournament Director) at 406-873-5629.

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT SITE RULES

It is the responsibility of the Coaches to cover all site rule information with their players prior to the start of the tournament. Questions / clarifications can be addressed during the Coaches meeting and the call to play, players gathering.

1. All entries to the divisional meet shall be forwarded to the divisional meet manager **one week in advance of the divisional tournament.**
2. Schools within these divisions from each of three classifications wishing to qualify participants into state competition may enter up to eight singles participants (four boys and four girls) and four doubles (two boys teams and two girls teams) in a divisional playoff at their respective sites. Class A may enter three boys' and three girls' teams in doubles competition. Class AA may enter four boys' and four girls' teams in doubles competition.
3. 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.
4. Both the divisional and state tournaments in all classes shall be organized so that they are double elimination from the first round through semi-finals, in both singles and doubles. The only exception to this would be in the divisional play where the divisional manager may set up pro-sets on the first round as single elimination. This would be in a situation where there is an unusually large number of entries in the divisional tournament.
5. Care should be given to scheduling each player or team on a variety of courts in order to equalize playing conditions. Care should be taken to avoid, when possible, early round matchups of contestants from the same school.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

For the state B-C girls' meet - each of the divisions will qualify 4 singles players for a 32 player singles bracket at state and each of the divisions will qualify 3 doubles teams for a 24 team bracket to state.

For the state B-C boys' meet - each of the divisions will qualify 6 singles players for a 24 player singles bracket at state and each of the divisions will qualify 4 doubles teams for a 16 team bracket to state.

10. Scoring: To determine team champions in B-C divisional tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winner's 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 player who receives the bye wins the next round and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket. Scoring in the divisional B-C tournaments will be 1st-10 points; 2nd - 7 points; 3rd - 4 points; 4th - 2 points.
11. The MHSA method of breaking ties at divisional tournaments shall be the USTA Set (7-point) tie breaker (same as twelve point tiebreaker used in previous years).

SINGLES: A, having served the first game of the set, serves the first point from the right court; B serves point 2 and 3 (left and right), A serves points 4 and 5 (left and right), B serves point 6 (left and after they change ends, point 7 (right); A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); B serves point 10 and 11 (left and right), and A serves point 12 (left). A player who reaches 7 points during these first 12 points wins the game and set. If the score has reached 6 points in all, the players change ends and continue in the same pattern until one player established a margin of two points, which gives that player the game and set. Note that the players change ends every six points, and that player who serves the 1st point of one of these 6-point segments also serves the first point of the next one (from right court). For a following set the players change ends, and B serves the first game.

DOUBLES follows the same partners preserving their serving sequence. Assume A-B versus C-D, with A having served the first game of the set. A serves the first point (right); C serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); B serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); D serves point 6 (left) and the teams change ends. D serves point 7 (right); A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); C serves points 10 and 11 (left and right); B serves point 12 (left). A team that wins 7 points during these first 12 points wins the game and set. If the score has reached 6 points all, the teams change ends. B then serves point 13, (right) and they continue until one team establishes a two- point margin and thus wins the game and set. As in singles, they change ends for one game to start a following set, with team C-D to serve first.

12. Competitors' conduct:

- A. 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 the USTA. Warnings of this rule shall be written in pretournament letters and given to all players at the pretournament meeting.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.

13. School coaches should be identified by coaches' badges issued by tournament management.

14. During competition at 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.

15. Inclement Weather Format:

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.

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

16. ***Rest Time Between Matches: 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 minute 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 for all matches.***

Basic Tennis Etiquette and Procedures for Players During Matches

Making Calls

1. A player makes calls on his/her side of the net - promptly.
2. A ball landing on the line is good.
3. Opponents get the benefit of the doubt.
4. If a ball can't be called out with certainty, it is good.
5. The call of a player looking down a line is much more likely to be accurate than that of a player looking across a line. When you are looking across a line, don't call a ball out unless you can clearly see part of the court between where the ball hits and the line. It is difficult for a player who stands on one baseline to question a call on a ball that landed near the other baseline.
6. Partner's disagree on calls. If a player and his/her partner disagree about whether the ball was out, they shall call it good.
7. Audible or visible calls. No matter how obvious it is to a player that his/her opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to prompt audible and/or visible call.

8. Spectators are never to make calls.
9. Lets should be called when balls roll on the court. The server receives 2 serves.

Serving

1. Foot Faults - A player may warn his/her opponent that the opponent has committed a flagrant foot fault. If the foot faulting continues, the player may attempt to locate the site director.
2. Service calls in doubles - The receiver's partner should call the service line, and the receiver should call the sideline and the center service line. Either partner may call a ball that he/she clearly sees.
3. Service calls by the serving team - Neither the server nor his/her partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt.
4. Receiver readiness - The receiver should make no effort to return a serve when he/she is not ready. If a player attempts to return a serve, it is presumed that he/she is ready.
5. Delays during service - When there is a delay between the first and second serves:
 - The server gets one serve if he/she was the cause of the delay.
 - The server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the receiver or if there was outside interference.
6. Service let calls. Any player can call a service let.
7. Players are not allowed to stand in the receiving court during service. Additionally, a receiver's partner shall not:
 - Move in or around the receiving box, causing a distraction
 - Wave equipment in and out of the receiving box, causing a distraction
8. Rectifying mistakes - The general rule is that errors are rectified as soon as they are discovered but not during play, and points remain.
 - If a server serves from the wrong court, the point stands and he/she serves the next point from the proper court.
 - If in doubles, the wrong person serves, the game stands and his/her partner serves the next game from his/her side. If discovered during the game, the partner whose turn it is to serve, takes over.
9. Discarding a second ball - The server's discarding of a second ball may constitute a deliberate hindrance. If the receiver asks the server to stop discarding the ball, then the server shall stop the practice.

Grunting

1. A player should avoid grunting and making other loud noises. Grunting and other loud noises may bother not only opponents but also players on adjacent court.

Line Judges

1. If line judges are placed on the court, the players continue to call their own lines. Line judges over-rule only if players ask for help.

SCORING:

1. Scoring Devices - Scoring devices are available to keep score at each court. Players are to use them.
2. To determine divisional champions, each school's team shall be awarded two advancement points for every player advancing on the winner's bracket and one advancement point for those advancing on the consolation brackets, one point also for defaults, forfeits and disqualifications. Byes receive two points on the winner side of the bracket if the player who receives the bye wins the next round and one point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket. Other points awarded shall be first place, 10 points; second place, 7 points; third place, 5 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place, 3 points and 6th place, 1 point.
3. For brackets with less than five places, coaches will determine if a 10-7-4-2 point system will be used prior to the start of the tournament.

4. Decisions - 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.

SCHEDULING:

1. If the weather eliminates the possibility of an outdoor tournament, we may use the two (2) indoor courts at Willie DeGroot Gymnasium.
2. All matches will begin at 9:00 am on Friday and at 9:00 am on Saturday. Match times are next-up format. The times provided in your schedule are tentative at best.
3. The Awards Ceremony will immediately follow the championship and consolation matches.
4. Coaches – read through these rules and regulations with your players prior to the start of the tournament. Be sure your players understand their responsibilities.

Sportsmanship



Coaches and Participants:

1. Set a good example for spectators to follow.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials, and accept their decisions graciously.
3. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athletes and coaches.
4. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
5. Show respect for opponents before, during, and after contests.
6. Represent your team, school and community with dignity.

Spectators:

1. Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions graciously.
3. Show respect for members of the coaching staff and team.
4. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
5. Recognize and show appreciation for outstanding plays by either team.

6. Use only cheers that are positive in support of their team.

Acceptable Behavior...

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of game officials.
- Spirit Participants lead fans in positive support.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior...

- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
- Doing own yells instead of following the lead of spirit participants.



MHSA Class B/C Tennis

List of Participants and Coaches for Divisional Entry

Deadline: May 10, 2024
Divisional: Central Division – Class B/C

Complete one form for your boys' team and one for your girls' team.

Form Contact Name: _____ Form Contact Email: _____

School: _____ Form Contact Phone: _____

Name of hotel where team is staying: _____

- List all eligible coaches that are in compliance with MHSA Rules and Regulations
- List all singles/doubles competitors. Complete the competitor's record information on all singles and doubles players.
- Names on this list will appear in the state brackets if they advance. Please confirm all correct spelling on participants and eligible coaches.

Head Coach of Team: _____

Cell #: _____ Assistant

Coach #1: _____

Cell #: _____ Assistant

Coach #2: _____

Cell #: _____ Assistant

Coach #3: _____

Cell #: _____

Team Gender: Boys ☐ Girls ☐

#	Single Players Names (First and Last Name)	Year in School
1		
2		
3		
4		

*No alternates are allowed in singles play

#	Doubles Teams Names (First and Last Name of Both Players)		Year in School (Both Players)	
	Player 1	Player 2	P1	P2
1				
2				
Alt				

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