

NCC SPORT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 30

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

(New provisions for 2007-2008 in **bold**)

30.1 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

- (a) Tennis is an official sport of the Conference and all members who sponsor a team are to participate for the Conference Championship unless excused by official Conference action.

30.2 SCHEDULE

- (a) Regular-season competition among other conference member institutions shall be conducted through a single round-robin tennis schedule. The dual matches are mandatory for all conference members and are to be scheduled at mutually agreeable dates, sites and times by the participating institutions with an attempt to have home and aways the opposite of where the matches were played the previous year.
- (b) The 2008 NCC Men's Tennis Championships shall be conducted Friday, April 18. The 2008 NCC Women's Tennis Championship will be held Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20, 2008 in St. Cloud, Minn. The host institution shall set details of the tournament brackets and distribute them in advance of the tournaments.
- (c) Coaches meeting will be held on the Tuesday preceeding the NCC Championships at 10 a.m. Central via conference call. The seeding for the men's tournament will be part of the conference call. Seeding for the women's tournament will occur the night before the tournament at a site and time determined by the tournament host.

30.3 NCAA POST-SEASON COMPETITION

- (a) The NCC will follow the NCAA post-season guidelines.

30.4 NCC MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

- (a) Lineups with alternates will be submitted to the NCC office by email (info@northcentralconference.org) no later than the Tuesday preceding the conference tournament by 9 a.m. with NCC records at their position for each player. The NCC office will compile the rosters and email the composite rosters to each coach. If there is a question with the lineup then the coaches will address the issue in the seeding meeting.
- (b) NCAA rules shall govern Conference championship play except as provided in the NCC Bylaws and Sport Regulations.
- (c) In selection of the site for the Championships, primary consideration will be given to the site that has indoor courts available for Conference play. A minimum of five (5) indoor courts should be available.
- (d) The NCC Tennis Championships will be hosted based on a rotation. If a school is unable or unwilling to host in its assigned year for any reason the school would loose the opportunity and go to the back of the rotation and the hosting opportunity goes to the

next school. Teams must commit to hosting one year prior to their assigned year. If other schools are added to the league they would be inserted into the rotation after Minnesota Duluth.

- (e) A tournament director shall be assigned as tournament referee. This tournament director, as well as two other coaches from the Conference that have been appointed by the NCC, will serve as the tournament committee. This committee will handle all protests dealing with people playing in the wrong flights and all other protests and rule interpretations shall be enforced by this committee. The make-up of the committee may be changed as necessary to cover both the women's and the men's championships. At least one of these tournament committee members must be on the championship site at all times.
- (f) USTA-approved yellow tennis balls will be paid for by the Conference.
- (g) Players will be given up to a maximum rest period of thirty (30) minutes before singles matches and fifteen (15) minutes before doubles competition.
- (h) Warm-up prior to all matches shall be limited to ten (10) minutes.
- (i) Winning two (2) sets out of three (3) shall constitute a match in singles play. Doubles will play eight (8) game pro-sets. A twelve (12)-point tie breaker will be used for all play. Indoor consolation matches may be shortened to a ten (10)-game pro set. As per NCAA rules, regular scoring will be used.
- (j) When necessary, as determined by the conference, a referee(s) shall be hired for the Conference Championships (one (1) for each site used for the Championships).
- (k) The Championships will be played indoor, unless extenuating circumstances necessitate outdoor play and outdoor play has been approved by a majority of the coaches from institutions that still have players participating in the championship.
- (l) A Plate Tournament shall be used for each singles and doubles flight if more than five (5) teams participate.

1. Team points shall be awarded according to the following when a plate tournament format is used:

8 Team Draw

First - 8 pts.
 Second-7 pts.
 Third - 6 pts.
 Fourth- 5 pts.
 Fifth- 4 pts.
 Sixth- 3 pt.
 Seventh-2 pts.
 Eighth-1 pts.

7 Team Draw

First – 7 pts.
 Second – 6 pts.
 Third – 5 pts.
 Fourth – 4 pts.
 Fifth – 3 pts.
 Sixth – 2 pt.
 Seventh-1 pts.

6 Team Draw

First – 6 pts.
 Second – 5 pts.
 Third – 4 pts.
 Fourth – 3 pts.
 Fifth – 2 pt.
 Sixth – 1 pts.

5 Team Draw

First – 5 pts.
 Second – 4 pts.
 Third – 3 pts.
 Fourth – 2 pt.
 Fifth – 1 pts.

4 Team Draw

First – 4 pts.
 Second – 3 pts.
 Third – 2 pts.
 Fourth – 1 pts.

3 Team Draw

First – 3 pts.
 Second – 2 pts.
 Third – 1 pts.

2 Team Draw

First – 2 pts.
 Second – 1 pts.

- (m) The Team championship is to be determined by the total number of points won by an institution in the tournament.
- (n) When the women's and men's NCC Championship Tournaments are played separately, then Day One play will be singles, singles, doubles and Day Two play will be singles, doubles, doubles.
- (o) Appropriate institutional tennis uniform apparel such as shorts, t-shirts, collared shirts, skirts, warm-ups, sweatshirts, hats, etc. must be worn by participants at all times when practicing or competing in the Championships. All apparel items must be in school colors and including only school name or logos (except for the usual manufacturer's marks).

30.5 SEEDING REGULATIONS

- (a) In the case of an injury or illness, all players must move up a flight level for seeding purposes. After the draw is completed there will be no substitutions.
- (b) For purposes of determining seeding, each coach must bring a score book of the season listing all matches played during the year for each student-athlete. Names, position played and scores of each match are to be included. The win-loss record will be by position as the primary criteria and the actual player(s) as the secondary criteria for both singles and doubles.
- (c) There will be two seeds in each flight for the Men's Championship and four seeds for each flight for the Women's Championships. If there is not a clear-cut team to receive a seed, then the seed will be determined by a vote of the coaches.
- (d) Remaining players shall be drawn for location on the brackets.
- (e) Guidelines for considerations when seeding (not in priority order):
 - 1. Conference matches head to head.
 - 2. Other Conference matches.
 - 3. Matches against the same opponent or team.
 - 4. Individual record at position compared to own team.
 - 5. Last year's results and coaches subjective opinions.
 - 6. Strength of schedule.

30.6 RULES OF PLAY

- (a) The NCC Men's & Women's Tennis Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the current USTA/ITA rules augmented by NCC policies in these NCC Sport Regulations or a majority vote of the coaches at the seeding meeting.
- (b) Seating for spectators in bleachers by courtside is permissible as long as there is adequate space for play. This shall be determined by the host institution.