



**MIDDLE STATES**



# **TOURNAMENT SERIES GUIDELINES**

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- Winner of Tournament Series receives a bid to the National Campus Championships
- Any team can enter any tournament in series
- Tournament series will consist of several tournaments throughout the fall
- A tournament is defined as four or more schools competing at an approved time and location by USTA Middle States' (USTA MS) Tennis On Campus contact — Thane Schweyer
- Unique schools will receive priority entry into main draw
  - Second and third teams will receive entry if there is room
- All teams that enter a tournament will receive points towards tournament series
  - Example: If a school has more than 1 team playing, they will receive all points that have been earned from that tournament
- Schools from USTA MS will receive priority entry into tournaments
  - Schools from other USTA sections are allowed to play but will receive secondary entry
- USTA MS schools can participate and play in other section tournaments
  - Teams must verify tournaments and scores by the Tournament Director
  - All scores must be sent to Thane Schweyer or points will not be counted
  - The allocation of points will be the same for schools playing outside tournaments
- Campus Championships – Middle States points will count towards tournament series
  - Sectional tournament will be worth double the point amounts
- Number of teams for each tournament
  - Number of courts x 2 = max number of schools for each tournament
- Tournaments can be on same weekends but cannot be in the same or an adjacent district
  - Tournaments must have two to three weeks between tournaments in same district
- Playoffs – Optional
  - If a bid has already been earned by a team at the Sectional tournament, the next team that has not will receive the bid
  - If any teams are tied at end of tournament series, a match will be played to determine who will receive the bid

## **TOURNAMENT COSTS**

USTA Middle States would like to keep the cost between \$100-200 per team for each tournament. If you are chosen to host a tournament, please figure out your costs. Please try to have costs directly cover all expenses. If there is leftover, teams can keep it as profit. You will have to lay out what the costs are going towards before being approved.

Potential costs:

- Courts
- Balls
- Advertising/marketing
- T-Shirts
- Giveaways
- Indoor court backup
- Drinks/food

## **INCENTIVES**

- 350 pts: Winner of Club of the Year: Applications must be sent in explaining why your club deserves to be named Club of the Year.
- 300 pts: Register as a Community Tennis Association (CTA) and hold a minimum of one program outside of TOC program. Program ideas: community tennis lessons for adults/kids, tennis event for local charities, Tennis marathons, etc.
- 300 pts: Win the sportsmanship award at any TOC tournament
- 250 pts: The first six schools to successfully host a tournament. You must also e-mail a tournament recap and photos from the tournament within one week from date of tournament.
- 250 pts: If you successfully host a Recreational Coach Workshop and/or QuickStart Tennis Workshop. Minimum of 20 participants.
- 200 pts: Hold a One Day Showdown: One Day Showdowns are one day tournaments that anyone (adults, juniors, professors, varsity players, non-varsity players) is allowed to participate in. Everyone is guaranteed between two and three matches in the one-day event.
- 20 pts: Per captain (max of 3) for attending TOC Captain Meeting and/or Conference Calls
- 10 pts: Per current USTA member: must provide copy of USTA card and Student ID.
- 5 pts: Per attendee for attending a Recreational Coach Workshop or QuickStart Tennis Workshop: copy of USTA certificate must be sent as proof of attendance.

## **No-Cut Tennis On Campus (TOC) Teams**

No-Cut is defined as any school that provides opportunities to all who seek them by not cutting any players that wants to participate.

- 200 pts: No-Cut team: must provide complete roster signed by school official.
- 50 pts: Designing on campus ladder/flex league as a means to keep those that are not traveling playing as much as possible. Flex League is when players are matched up each week and must complete

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(max. 1 tournament)

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**POINT SYSTEM FOR EACH TOURNAMENT**

1 <sup>st</sup>	700
2 <sup>nd</sup>	600
3 <sup>rd</sup>	500
4 <sup>th</sup>	475
5 <sup>th</sup>	450
6 <sup>th</sup>	400
7 <sup>th</sup>	375
8 <sup>th</sup>	350
9 <sup>th</sup>	300
10 <sup>th</sup>	275
11 <sup>th</sup>	250
12 <sup>th</sup>	225
13 <sup>th</sup>	200
14 <sup>th</sup>	175
15 <sup>th</sup>	150
16 <sup>th</sup>	125
17 <sup>th</sup>	100
18 <sup>th</sup>	90
19 <sup>th</sup>	80
20 <sup>th</sup>	70
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