

Important Player Instructions

- ❑ We ask that all players participating in the match are on-site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. Give yourself extra time in case of traffic or an accident.
- ❑ Once all players participating are on site or it's match time, the captain will submit the lineup digitally and receive an email with a copy of what they submitted.
- ❑ Once both teams have submitted their scorecards, we will combine them, and they will be available to be seen through our Virtual Site Desk Court Assignment link (available at the State Championship website or the State Championship app). On your phone it's best viewed if you have the Google Sheets App downloaded as well.
- ❑ Once courts are assigned, a text message will be sent to the players involved in each individual match, as well as the captain with the names of the players and the court assignment.
- ❑ At this point, the home team (the players who are listed first on the text message) need to go to the site desk and pick up the can of balls. Players should be at their assigned court within 10 minutes, or they will be subject to the point penalty system.
- ❑ If the court assigned to you is in use, it's because your match was pre-assigned, and we do not have any extra courts at the moment. Stay by the court and wait for the match to be completed. Once they shake hands, you can take the court. If a court that was not pre-assigned becomes available, we will text you a "change of court" message with your new court assignment.
- ❑ Prior to beginning the 10-minute warm-up, introduce yourselves to confirm the players in the text are the players on your court.
- ❑ When the match is finished, **one player from each team should reply to the text message** you received with your court assignment **with the name(s) of the players for the winning team and the scores from the winner's perspective**. (EX: Federer & Nadal 64 64, not we lost 36 46). Please do this **IMMEDIATELY**, as this will be the only way we know the court is available. The text will not be a group text at this point, just an individual message back to us. Used balls should be returned to the site desk.
- ❑ As scores are submitted via text, we will update the Virtual Site Desk Court Assignment sheet with them and once the entire team match has been reported, we will enter the scores into Tennislink.
- ❑ Matches are unofficiated. We have a referee to help with ruling and scoring but **not with line-calling**. In the event of a ruling dispute, players should stop play immediately and ask for the referee. Problems are better solved during the match and not afterwards in form of sportsmanship grievances.