

WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE GIRLS TENNIS BYLAWS

- AD IN CHARGE:** Wausau East ; Assistant- Wausau West
- ANNUAL MEETING DATE:** The annual meeting will take place at the DC Everest IMC on the Monday after the WIAA Individual State meet- 6:30pm (Week #17). If there is a need to change this meeting, the AD in charge will notify all coaches and ADs.
- PARTICIPATING TEAMS:** DC Everest, Marshfield, Merrill, Stevens Point, Wausau East, Wausau West, Wisconsin Rapids
- SCHEDULE FORMAT:** The tennis schedule will be a round robin with each member school meeting each other.
- When meets need to be re-scheduled because of weather related issues, schools should: (12/08)
- Flip-flop Home & Away sites if weather and/or the playing field is acceptable at the Away location.
 - Contests should be made up on the next available date. Note- 'next available date' means the first date when no conflicting school events i.e. concerts, awards program, other WVC games in that sport... are scheduled.
- TIME(S)** The starting time for all scheduled regular season conference matches on school days is 4:00, with approved exceptions due to facility and/or court restrictions. (11/06) Introductions are to take place five (5) minutes prior to the match starting time - (see format). (11/01). Matches played during the last week of the Fall Regular season will have a 3:30pm start. (12/09)
There will be a maximum 10-minute warm-up period before each match.
- SITES DETAILS:** It is recommended that an adult supervisor be assigned to each site being used during a meet. (11/01)
The host meet manager maintains the authority to postpone or cancel any WVC match/meet due to inclement, lightening, or hazardous weather upon consultation with head coaches, (12/03) For WVC tournament, see Host school responsibilities below.
WVC regular season meet order of play will be: 1Doubles, 1Singles, 2D, 2S, 3D, 3S, 4S. (12/04)
"Add" scoring with tie-break game will be used in all conference meets, (amended 12/97)
- NOTE: WVC meet preliminary matches will play an ten (10) game pro set with a tie-breaker at 10 all..(12/11)
Matches will consist of 2 out of 3 sets with add scoring and a tie-break game played if a set reaches 6 all. In case of inclement weather, and with agreement from opposing coaches a 10 game pro-set will be played with a tie-break game played if the score reaches 10-10 or in case of darkness, the third set may be replaced with a tie-break game, (amended 12/11)
See TENNIS MEET INTRODUCTION FORMAT below
- UNIFORM/ EQUIPMENT:** NA
- GAME RESULTS:** The home team shall: a) contact local paper and area TV media (7, 9, 12) following the match b) send all match results to the conference statistician.
- OFFICIALS:** NA
- ROSTERS:** A match will consist of four (4) singles and three (3) doubles. A player must play singles or doubles, not both- If a school cannot field a full compliment of players the positions not filled must be forfeited. A team school cannot forfeit a position higher than being played.
The substitution rule shall be consistent with the WIAA tournament rule. (12/09)
- TOURNAMENT DETAILS:** The WVC will be held on the Thursday (11/07) before the W.I.A.A. sub-sectional meet, hosted by Wausau East.
The conference meet will determine double and single champions on a Thursday, starting times will be 9:00am for the girls, and 9:00am for the boys, (amended 11/07)
- In the event of inclement weather on the scheduled date for the tournament , the host school may re-schedule the meet for the following day (Friday) if there is no play on Thursday. If play has begun on Thursday and play cannot be continued because of rain, the rain date will be the following Saturday. If play is cancelled on Saturday due to weather, medals will be awarded based upon brackets completed. If a brackets is not completed, medals will be awarded based upon the players seed if the player is still in the tournament. (12/11)
- The conference meet will consist of four (4) individual singles tournaments and three (3) doubles tournaments. In the conference tournament individuals must play singles or doubles, not both.
Seeding will follow WIAA sub-sectional seeding format. (12/11)
- The host school for the WVC conference meet must provide all the balls for the meet.
- Medals (1st/2nd) will be awarded at the conclusion of the conference championship meet.

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See **HOST SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WVC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT** below

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Wisconsin Valley Conference Team Champion will be determined by a combination of points earned during regular season conference dual meets and the results of the conference tournament. *11/011*

- Teams are awarded two (2) points for each match won in conference dual meets
- Conference tournament will be scored like a typical invitational tournament; (Champion--6pts, 2nd place=4 pts, 3rd place=3 pts, 4th place=2 pts, consolation champion=2 pts, and consolation runner-up=1 pt) Scoring based upon seven (7) flights, 4 singles and 3 doubles.
- Conference Team Champion will be the team that has earned the highest combined point total of the season conference dual meets and their points earned in the conference tournament. (*11/00*)

ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION

All-conference certificates will be awarded by a vote of coaches at the coaches meeting as follows:

Nominations are due to the commissioner one week prior to the meeting.

- Top 10 players, regardless of position (4 singles and 3 doubles) will be 1st Team.
- Next 10 players, regardless of position (4 singles and 3 doubles) will be 2nd Team and
- Next 10 players, regardless of position (4 singles and 3 doubles) will be Honorable Mention (12/12)

PLAYER/COACH OF THE YEAR:

A Player and/or Coach of the Year award may be chosen by the coaches using any agreed upon criteria. The Player of the Year must be a 1st Team selection.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF WVC:

Awards- Team trophy, All-Conference medals (1st and 2nd Team) and All-Conference Certificates (1st/2nd team plus 10 Honorable Mention). The cost of tennis balls for the WVC Meet.

PERTINENT INFO:

W.I.A.A. rules and regulations will govern competition. (See W.I.A.A. Handbook)

TENNIS MEET INTRODUCTION FORMAT: (11/01)

1. Pre-meet: Coaches and team captains introduce themselves to each other.
2. Coaches will exchange written line up cards. (12/17)
3. Varsity of one team line-up facing varsity of their opponent. *Ex. #1 singles, #2 doubles, #2 singles, #2 doubles, #3 singles, #3 doubles, #4 singles, any JV going out 1st round and Coaches.*
4. Coaches give any rule reminders, court assignments, scoring card assignments, who plays in 1st open courts, where the JV plays, etc.
5. Home team reads their WVC Sportsmanship statement.
6. Coaches introduce varsity line-ups from #1 singles down, competitors shake hands.
7. Manager or coach hands out game balls.

HOST SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WVC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT:

1. Arrange site for seeding meeting (Held at 8:00am the morning of the meet) (12/13)
Note: All coaches must provide copies of all individual records for each head coach for seeding. (11/00)
2. An 8:30am WVC finals pre-meet coaches meeting shall be held at a site determined by the host school. (11/01)
3. Host school AD or a hired, certified, trained Tennis official will conduct the WVC seeding meeting and supervise the WVC meet. (4/00)
 - a. Records against WVC competition will be considered first.
 - b. Seeding will follow the WIAA Subsectional seeding criteria
 - c. Bring draw sheets, cards, etc. to draw players not seeded
 - d. Advise teams to bring roledry
4. Schedule courts/court time. Maps should be provided at the seeding meeting when using courts at multiple sites, (i.e., the players and coaches should know where they play and when) Each participant must report 10 minutes before the start of match play. If a coach knows that their player will be arriving late, that coach must call the meet manager who will then notify the site manager of the player's delay. (amended 12/05)

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5. The preliminary round loser will be eliminated from any further tournament play. (12/02)
6. Make sure each coach knows that each singles/doubles team should have a can of balls.
7. Arrange for adult court supervisors when at multiple locations, preferably not competing coaches.
8. Serve as meet manager. - oversee schedule of matches (i.e.,)
 - a. provide score cards at each court at all sites (11/01)
 - b. insure that 1st Aid/Medical kits are available at each site (11/01)
 - c. get the players on the courts
 - d. time the 10 minute warm-up
 - e. time the 20 minute rest between matches
 - f. if questions, get coaches together to vote on rules interpretations.
 - g. arrange for line judges when necessary.
 - h. Arrange donuts/juice
9. Certificates should be awarded for the WVC tournament results.
10. On the original date, the host meet manager maintains the authority to postpone or delay any WVC meet due to inclement or hazardous weather. If play is stopped due to inclement weather on the original scheduled day of the tournament, play will continue on the designated rain date at the point play was stopped. If the WVC meet cannot be played or completed due to weather on the rain date, the WVC individual awards should be determined by the completed place matches or seeding for incomplete matches. (12/08)
11. The meet manager may consider using indoor courts if play is in the championship round on the make-up day and the Wausau courts are available. (12/11)
12. WVC team points are only awarded if the entire tournament is completed. When not completed, the team championship is based on dual meet points only.
13. The WVC meet host will supply all the necessary balls and include this cost with other tournament expenses to be divided among participating schools.(12/11)