CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 2019 PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. Additionally, it is important that the Principal, Athletic Director, and head tennis Coach of all Teams that will participate in the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships and all persons who will have responsibilities involving these activities be fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures, without exception. Failure to comply may result in removal from the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships.

PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships are voluntary. Entry into the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, reserves the right to make changes in the date and location of Contest sites, and management, operation, schedule, and site of the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

DOUBLES TENNIS TEAM SUBSTITUTION DUE TO ILLNESS, INJURY or SEVERE PERSONAL HARDSHIP

If one of the individuals on the Doubles Tennis Team cannot participate for any reason, the Team will have to withdraw from the tournament. In the event of a withdrawal, that PIAA District is responsible for 1) replacing the Doubles Tennis Team entry and 2) resubmitting that PIAA District’s entry(ies) to the PIAA Doubles Inter-District Tennis Championships.

LODGING AND MEALS

Lodging is not available at Hershey Racquet Club and will not be provided by PIAA. A representative of each participating school must make arrangements for lodging and for meals, as required, for the school’s Qualifiers and Coaches. For an abbreviated listing of hotels and motels in the area visit: www.piaa.org

Reservations are available through:
Hershey PA Reservations: 844-330-1811 or http://www.hersheypa.com/
Visit Hershey & Harrisburg: 877-727-8573 or www.visithersheyharrisburg.org/
Hershey-Harrisburg Welcome Center: http://www.hersheypa.com/stay-with-us/

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

Registration will be conducted at the Hershey Racquet Club on Friday, November 1, 2019. All contestants and Coaches are required to register at the Tournament desk 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their preliminary match.

Registration packets will include: 1) Memo, 2) Brackets (Pairings), 3) Complimentary Program
ADMISSION FEES

Admission fees shall be charged for each day of competition, at all first round, quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals of the PIAA Team Tennis Championships. Only pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

A Coach from each member school that has qualified a Team to the PIAA Tennis Championships must accompany and supervise those persons representing that member school. However, the member school may send a full-time professional employee of the school district in lieu of a Coach for purposes of accompanying and supervising the member school's Team to the PIAA Tennis Championships. This full-time professional employee must be a properly designated representative of the member school's Team, and that individual must be fully responsible for supervision of that Team.

COACH AND SPECTATOR DECORUM

Coaches will be limited to advising or instructing contestants during competition, as follows: The designated Coach per Team, per court may enter the court area 1) during the two-minute set break, as the set ends, and advise or instruct their player(s); and 2) during the five-minute off-the-court break, which is provided for between split sets.

Coaches and/or spectators who interfere with contestants’ play or attempt to Coach and/or advise, except as provided for herein, will be escorted from the playing/viewing area by the Tournament Director or the Tournament Director’s designee.

CONTESTANT ATTIRE

All tennis contestants are required to wear appropriate tennis attire (i.e. school-issued tennis shirt and tennis shorts.) No exceptions are permitted. T-shirts without school name/nickname, altered apparel, jeans, and advertisements (other than one visible logo/trademark not exceeding 2 ¼ square inches and 2 ¼ inches in any dimension on a cap, headband, visor, school issued tennis shirt, and tennis shorts or skirt and/or a school's name/nickname) will not be permitted. The use of tape for the purpose of covering a logo that does not meet the aforementioned specifications WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. The school’s name/nickname and/or school’s logo are permitted on the front and/or back of the school-issued tennis shirt. Shoes with soles that leave discolored markings on competition surfaces are prohibited.

PRACTICE

Practices are permitted prior to Friday, November 1, 2019. To schedule Practice times at the Hershey Racquet Club, Coaches should submit the practice request form located on the Tennis Championships page of the PIAA Website. Competitors ARE NOT PERMITTED to practice on the competition surface on Friday, November 1, and Saturday, November 2, 2019.

Teams will be permitted a ten (10) minute warm-up period prior to their respective matches.
TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS
1. ALL matches will consist of the best of three (3), tiebreak sets. Players may leave the court area for five (5) minutes if they split sets.
2. Coaches and Contestants must check at the Tournament desk for the starting time of their match. **Check-in time is 30 minutes in advance of scheduled match start time.** Any contestant(s) failing to report for a match on time shall be subject to the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified).
3. Players are to begin play after a ten-minute warm-up period.
4. “The Code” and the Rules of Tennis of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) shall govern all play. The USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified) shall also be followed. The purpose of the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified) are to: (a) deter unsportsmanlike conduct, (b) promote compliance by all contestants with the continuous play rule, and (c) promote on-time appearance for matches. The objective of the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified) is not to punish but to promote equal compliance by all contestants with the Rules of Tennis.
5. USTA Chair Umpires will call all preliminary, quarterfinal, semi-final, consolation, and final matches.

USTA POINT PENALTY SYSTEM (PIAA-MODIFIED)

**Delay of Game**
For violations of delay of game:
(a) At 90-second changeover or other times, stalling, prolonging, argument over a decision, injury time-out.
(b) Failure to start play after expiration of ten-minute warm-up period.
Penalty: First offense, warning; second offense, point; third offense, game; fourth offense, default.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct**
(a) Profane or obscene language or gestures, when not directed at a person or persons: First offense, warning; second offense, point; third offense, game; fourth offense, default. When directed at an official, opponent, or spectator(s): First offense, point; second offense, game; third offense, default.
(b) Abuse of racquet, balls, equipment; such as hitting or kicking ball out-of-court: First offense, warning; second offense, point; third offense, game; fourth offense, default.
(c) Major unsportsmanlike acts, such as hitting a ball at or near an official, ball boy, linesman, or spectator(s) or intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent: First offense, two points; second offense game; third offense, default.
(d) Single flagrant unsportsmanlike acts, such as physical attacks; injury to an official or player through an act of racket or ball abuse; spitting on a person; and racial, religious, and sexual orientation slurs. First offense, default.

**Tardiness**
A Team will be penalized one (1) game for each five (5) minutes, or fraction thereof, of tardiness from the time the match is called and both court and opponent are ready. This does not rule out liability to outright default for more than fifteen (15) minutes of unexcused lateness beyond the set deadline.
CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

CR & A Designs is the official exclusive merchandise representative of PIAA. CR & A Designs will offer official PIAA merchandise, novelties and souvenir programs at the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships. All items will be available inside the Hershey Racquet Club as well as the CR & A Designs online store. Anyone that would like to receive PIAA Championships merchandise after the event can visit the CR & A Designs online store by clicking “Store” at www.piaa.org.

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AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Immediately following the conclusion of each championship (final) match, the head tennis Coaches will be asked to present the individual medals to their respective athletes. Medals will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth place finishers in both the singles and doubles Tournaments in each enrollment classification. To order additional medals please contact: Jostens/Union Emblem Co., 6130 Jonestown Rd. Suite C, Harrisburg, PA 17112 | 717-838-1311 | email: centralpa@jostens.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Jennifer S. Grassel, will serve as the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships Tournament Director and David Long will serve as the PIAA Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships Tournament Referee and PIAA Assistant Executive Director. For further information access the PIAA website: www.piaa.org