



To: Principals, Athletic Directors and Tennis Coaches
From: Douglas Bohannon, District III Tennis Chairman
Subject: 2017 District III M&T Bank Boys' Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships

- The District III M&T Bank AAA and AA Boys Tennis Singles & Doubles Championships will be held as a joint tournament. Singles will begin at Hershey Racquet Club starting on Friday, May 5, at 12:00 PM. Matches will be played through the first two rounds (quarterfinals). Semifinals, finals and the third-place match will be played on Saturday, May 6, at 1:00 PM at Hershey Racquet Club.
- The Doubles Championships will be held at Hershey Racquet Club on Friday, May 12 at 12:00 PM. Matches will be played through the first two rounds (quarterfinals). Semifinals, finals, and the match to determine third place will be played on Saturday, May 13 at 1:00 PM at Hershey Racquet Club.
- All entries will qualify from league tournaments and the independent tournament. Entries are as follows:

The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflicts with school graduation, baccalaureate and state or federal testing. District III will accommodate AP tests that are in the morning up until 12:00 but will not accommodate AP tests in the afternoon. For all other school conflicts such as dances, homecoming, banquets, et. al., the District III Committee will only alter times if facilities and game workers are available and all schools involved mutually agree to the time adjustment.

AAA Classification	AAA League Entries	AA Classification	AA League Entries
Berks	2	Berks	3
Lancaster-Lebanon	4	Lancaster-Lebanon	3
Mid-Penn	4	Mid-Penn	3
York/Adams	3	York/Adams	3
At-Large	3	At-Large	3
Independent Qualifier	0		1

Schools that do not have a tennis team or do not participate in the four leagues listed above may enter the Independent tournament to receive a spot in the District III tournament. Individuals and doubles teams must complete the singles/doubles application and submit application by Friday, April 21, 2017. The Independent singles and doubles tournament will take place on April 26, 27,28,29 at the Hershey Racquet Club. All pertinent information is on the application.





Seeding Committee Members

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2017 District III M&T Bank Boys' Tennis Championships Schedule

Event	Date	Time	Location
Singles	Friday, May 5	12:00 PM	Hershey Racquet Club
Singles	Saturday, May 6	1:00 PM	Hershey Racquet Club
Doubles	Friday, May 12	12:00 PM	Hershey Racquet Club
Doubles	Saturday, May 13	1:00 PM	Hershey Racquet Club

PIAA State Competition: Friday & Saturday, May 26 & 27, 2017





Boys Tournament Guidelines

1. If you enter contestants, singles or doubles, and then find it necessary to cancel PLEASE CALL a committee member, or the Tennis Chairman. Calls will be appreciated as late as the morning of the match.
2. All matches will consist of the best of three, 12-point tiebreak sets. Coaching will be permitted at the edge of the court for two (2) minutes between set one and set two. Five (5) minutes will be permitted after split sets.
3. Teams are to begin play after a ten-minute warm-up period.
4. Players who participate in the singles tournament may play in the doubles tournament providing they have not qualified for state competition.
5. Contestants are reminded that they must wear proper tennis attire-school issued tennis shirt and shorts. T-shirts without the school name/nickname, altered apparel or jeans will not be permitted. Advertisements, logos, or trademarks of more than 2 ¼ square inches are not permitted on clothing, caps, headbands or visors. The use of tape to cover illegal logos, etc. will not be permitted. The use of the proper shirt no longer requires a collar.
6. Players must be accompanied by their high school coach, or an adult designated by the principal. Contestants who do not have a coach or an adult designated, as coach will not be permitted to play. In the event it is not the regular coach, the principal shall designate the replacement via letter to be given to the tournament director.
7. Winners of the match are reminded to report scores immediately and ask for times for their next match. A fifteen-minute default will be enforced. **Thirty minutes will be allowed between all matches in the first two rounds and forty-five minutes will be allowed between the semifinals and finals. (Singles only, not Doubles)**
8. Three contestants in AAA and AA singles and doubles competition will qualify for the State Tournament.
 - a. Information relative to lodging, etc. for the State Tournament will be available online at www.piaa.org.
9. Medals will be presented to those contestants who finish first through fourth.
10. The USTA point penalty system (PIAA modified) will be used. In the event of an injury, a player will be given five minutes to resume play, after which a default will be declared. Coaching will be permitted at the edge of the court for two (2) minutes between set one and two. Five (5) minutes will be permitted after split sets.
11. You will NOT be notified in advance for seeding. If you wish to know prior to Saturday you may call a member of the seeding committee. Every effort will also be made to have this information in the area newspapers.
12. Players/teams are not permitted to practice on the competition surface during the same day of competition.





2017 District III Boys Tennis AA Singles Independent Tournament Application

Athletes Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

AD Phone Number: _____

Athlete's Won/Loss Record: _____

Designated Coach: _____

Athletic Director Signature: _____

Principals Signature: _____

This entry form application must be mailed or faxed to Douglas M. Bohannon by the Athletic Director or Principal by Friday, April 21, 2017 by 3:00 P.M. All applications after 3:00 P.M. on April 21, 2017 will not be accepted.

Independent Qualifier Boys Tennis AA Singles Tournament

Entries:

This tournament is for individuals of PIAA member schools who reside in District III that are not members of the Lancaster-Lebanon League, Berks League, York/Adams League, or the Mid Penn League. Individuals wanting to participate in the individual qualifier tournament must meet the PIAA rules regarding eligibility and have a PIAA certified physical. All individuals must be represented by a coach designated by the school. Boys must have a .600 or better won/loss record to enter the individual qualifier tournament unless they are the number one player on their respective team.

Format:

The tournament will consist of a single elimination tournament with the winner of the tournament advancing to the District III AA singles tournament. The applicants will be selected at random and placed in a bracket and the tournament will last one day if 4 players or less are in the tournament. If more than 4 players are entered in the tournament the competition will last two days if necessary. Athletes will not play more than two matches in any given day. All individuals entered in the tournament are capable of receiving an at-large bid for the district tournament.

Date, Time, and Location:

The tournament will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27, 2017 @ Hershey Racquet Club beginning at 2:00 P.M.





2017 District III Boys Tennis AA Doubles Independent Tournament Application

Athletes Names: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

AD Phone Number: _____

Team's Won/Loss Record: _____

Designated Coach: _____

Athletic Director Signature: _____

Principals Signature: _____

This entry form application must be mailed or faxed to Douglas M. Bohannon by the Athletic Director or Principal by Friday, April 21, 2017 by 3:00 P.M. All applications after 3:00 P.M. on April 21, 2017 will not be accepted.

Independent Qualifier Boys Tennis AA Doubles Tournament

Entries:

This tournament is for individuals of PIAA member schools who reside in District III that are not members of the Lancaster-Lebanon League, Berks League, York/Adams League, or the Mid Penn League. Doubles teams wanting to participate in the individual qualifier tournament must meet the PIAA rules regarding eligibility and have a PIAA certified physical. Double teams must be represented by a coach designated by the school. The doubles team must have a .600 or better won/loss record to enter the individual qualifier tournament unless they are the number one doubles team on their respective team.

Format:

The tournament will consist of a single elimination tournament with the winner of the tournament advancing to the District III AA doubles tournament. The applicants will be selected at random and placed in a bracket and the tournament will last one day if 4 teams or less are in the tournament. If more than 4 teams are entered in the tournament the competition will last two days if necessary. Teams will not play more than two matches in any given day. All double teams entered in the tournament are capable of receiving an at-large bid for the district tournament.

Date, Time, and Location:

The tournament will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 2017 @ Hershey Racquet Club beginning at 2:00 P.M.





To: Principals, Athletic Directors and Tennis Coaches
From: Douglas Bohannon, District III Tennis Chairman
Subject: 2017 District III M& T Bank Boys' Team Tennis Championship

Twelve entries from AAA and eight entries from AA will compete for the District III M&T Bank Boys' Team Tennis Championships. The District III power rating system will determine the top eight teams that will enter the team tournament. **The deadline for matches to count to the power rating is Wednesday, April 26, 2017.**

- The district will qualify three (3) entries, champion, runner-up, and third place in AAA and AA to the PIAA Tournament.
- The team championship will consist of five days for AAA and four days for AA with schools only playing one match a day. All matches will be played at the Hershey Racquet Club.
- *All Times are subject to change if necessary for the five-day tournament.*
- *The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflicts with school graduation, baccalaureate and state or federal testing. For all other school conflicts such as dances, homecoming, banquets, et. al., the District III Committee will only alter times if facilities and game workers are available and all schools involved mutually agree to the time adjustment.*

**TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
HAS BEEN REVISED FROM THE ORIGINAL.**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE UPDATED BRACKETS ON THE PIAA
DISTRICT III WEBSITE**





REGULATIONS FOR TEAM TENNIS

1. District III will qualify three entries from AAA and AA to the PIAA State Team Tournament.
2. The dates for the PIAA State Team tournament are May 16, 19, 20, 2017.
3. The first round (Tuesday, May 16) will be played in the District of the champion and those eight winners will then play at the Hershey Racquet Club in Hershey, PA.
 - a. The District III AAA Champion will play at Hershey Racquet Club at 12:00. The 2nd and 3rd place teams in District III will travel to another District to play their opponent.
 - b. The District III AA Champion will play at Hershey Racquet Club at 1:15. The 2nd and 3rd place teams in District III will travel to another District to play their opponent.
4. The format for the District Team Tournament and the PIAA State Team Tournament will be three singles matches and two doubles matches with no student allowed to compete in both singles and doubles.
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 - a. Each team shall consist of three singles players and two doubles teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles). Each team, listing students in descending order of ability, shall establish a strength ladder lineup from 1 – 10. The ladder submitted for the team shall represent the strongest line-up for that team. The first three students shall play singles in the order that they are listed on the strength ladder line-up. Beginning with the fourth student listed on the strength ladder line-up, any four of the remaining seven students may comprise the doubles teams. The doubles team having the highest level of ability shall occupy the number one position and the doubles team having the second highest level of ability shall occupy the number two position. No player shall be eligible for a doubles team unless they are listed on the team's strength ladder line-up. Teams shall submit their strength ladder line-ups, which shall specify singles player #1, singles player #2, singles player #3, doubles team #1, doubles team #2, at the beginning of the district team tennis tournament. With the exception of authorized substitutions for illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by the appropriate tournament director), a team's strength ladder line-up may not be changed throughout the respective district and inter-district team tennis tournaments.





- b. Substitutions may be made only in case of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the tournament director). The school's athletic administration and/or head tennis coach shall provide supporting documentation for such substitutions. An ill or injured player may be substituted for and then be reentered in the same position in the team's strength ladder lineup, upon documented authorization from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine. Teams are prohibited from making substitutions that would allow an ill or injured player to be moved from playing singles to doubles, and then back to singles when the ill or injured player has recovered, even with a licensed physician of medicine's or osteopathic medicine's documented authorization. **A team may elect to substitute or not substitute when the above authorized substitution conditions are present.** Substitutions shall be made by utilizing direct-line substitution ONLY. Substitution of a singles player shall be made from any of the remaining seven students on the strength ladder line-up and shall result in the three singles players playing in order of their ability, in accordance with the team's strength ladder line-up. Doubles teams do not have to be disrupted in order to replace a singles player when a singles player substitution is necessary, and a member of one of the school's established doubles teams is designated as that substitute, the resulting vacant doubles position shall be filled by a player from the team's strength ladder line-up who was not previously assigned to a doubles team. Substitution of both doubles partners is prohibited if only one of the two players experiences an illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the tournament director). Furthermore, a team may not substitute a player from one of the school's established doubles teams to fill the spot of an ill/injured player on that school's other doubles team. Finally, changing the strength order of the school's doubles teams following any appropriate direct-line substitution is prohibited. Moving players around with the intent of gaining a competitive advantage is prohibited and shall subject to the team to default from the tournament.
6. All matches will consist of the best of three, 12-point tiebreak sets. Coaching will be permitted at the edge of the court for two (2) minutes between set one and set two. Five (5) minutes will be permitted after split sets.

 - a. **At the point a team has secured three wins, the remaining matches will be conducted using no-add scoring effective with the next game regardless of set. This rule revision is for PIAA District and Inter-District play.**
 - b. **The rationale is to encourage coaches to allow the remaining matches to finish and to have an outcome for every match position; whereas, now coaches often pull remaining matches after team win is secured.**
 - c. **If both coaches agree to pull remaining matches, then those matches would be scored as not completed. No point will be awarded to either team and the match ruled as "Did Not Finish".**





d. If both coaches do not agree to pull the remaining matches then the team removing the player from the match would receive a loss by retirement. His/her opponent would be awarded the win.

7. Teams are to begin play after a ten-minute warm-up period.
8. The USTA point penalty system (PIAA modified) will be used. In the event of an injury, a player will be given five minutes to resume play, after which a default will be declared. Coaching will be permitted at the edge of the court for two (2) minutes between set one and two. Five (5) minutes will be permitted after split sets.
9. Contestants are reminded that the same rules for contestant attire used in the District Competition are in effect for the State Competition.
10. Teams must be accompanied by their high school coach or an adult designated by the principal as the coach. In the event it is not the regular coach, the principal shall designate the replacement via letter to be given to the site manager.
11. Players/teams are not permitted to practice on the competition surface during the same day of competition.

