

KIAC MEN'S TENNIS BYLAWS

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1. Regular season plans

- a. Each team will play every conference member school once during the regular Spring season, annually rotating home court advantage. The results from regular season conference play will determine the seeding for the conference tournament. Teams may also use tri matches as an option.
- b. Teams are not limited to only competing once in a season, but should more than one match occur the match that is counting towards the conference season needs to be determined and designated prior to the beginning of the season.
- c. Conference play may take place at any time during the season, but must be completed at least one week prior to the conference tournament.

2. Post Season Tournament Plans

- a. The conference tournament will be at least one week prior to the NAIA playoff should the playoff be required due to there not being the minimum six(6) teams to gain automatic entry into the NAIA national tournament. The date will be set at the Fall KIAC meeting. The conference tournament champion will be the representative at the NAIA playoff or national tournament.
- b. Site of tournament

The site of the tournament will rotate alphabetically among the KIAC members.

2011: Brescia University

2012: Indiana University East

2013: Indiana University Southeast

2014: St Louis College of Pharmacy

* Hosting is under the assumption that the school listed is sponsoring and participating in tennis.

* The host college must have at least 8 tennis courts in order to host the conference tournament.

- c. Entry Fee

The entry fee will be included in the annual KIAC Membership Dues. Each team is required to provide a number of cans of balls to be determined by the tournament director. Due to a sponsorship by Wilson of the NAIA it is preferred that the Wilson brand of balls be used for the conference tournament.

- d. Tournament Draw and Seeding and Structure

Seeding for the conference tournament will be based on regular season head to head play. However, if these results should not resolve the issue, the first step in making this decision should be to common opponents and those results (match scores). The last criteria should then be the games won and lost.

- i. In a 4 team bracket the #1 seed will play the #4 seed and the #2 seed will play the #3 seed.
- ii. In a 5 team bracket, the #1 seed will receive a bye, playing the winner of the #4 & #5 seeds, #2 and #3 seeds will play the other semifinal.
- iii. In a 6 team bracket, the #1 seed will receive a bye, playing the winner of the #4 & #5 seed and the #2 seed will receive a bye playing the winner of the #3 and #6 seed.
- iv. In a 7 team bracket the #1 seed will receive a bye, playing the winner of the #4 and #5 seed quarterfinal match. The #2 seed will play the #7 seed and the #3 seed will play the #6 seed in the quarterfinals.
- v. In an 8 team tournament the #1 seed will play the #8 seed, the #2 seed will play the #7 seed, the #3 seed will play the #6 seed and the #4 seed will play the #5 seed.

There will be no consolation rounds played during the conference tournament.

e. Rules of Play

- 1. USTA and ITA Rules will be implemented for the KIAC Tournament. Each singles match will be a best 2 out of 3 sets, with a twelve-point tiebreaker used when necessary, while doubles matches will be one eight game pro-set, with a 12-point tiebreaker at eight games all.
- 2. The order of play will be determined by the Tournament Directors.
- 3. Coaches will be allowed to coach according to USTA guidelines, unless otherwise agreed upon.
- 4. Each match shall play all 9 matches unless agreed upon by both coaches to only be played until decision of the match winner has been determined.

3. Statistical Reports

- A. Scores must be recorded on the KIAC website within 48 hours on the completion of any dual match.
- B. Failure to report scores to website will result in the following sanctions:
 - 1. First miss - reminder letter
 - 2. Second miss - Probation letter from Conference commissioner
 - 3. Third miss - student-athletes ineligible for post-season awards
 - 4. Fourth miss - team ineligible for post season competition.
- C. Conference SID will be responsible for releasing weekly reports and player of the week. Also will be responsible for making sure web page is updated. Player of the Week nominations must be submitted to the Conference SID by 1:00 pm each Monday.

4. Conference Awards and Selection

- 1. A Player of the Year will be selected by a ballot of the coaches.
- 2. An All Conference Team will be voted on by a ballot of the coaches.
- 3. The Coach-of-the-Year will be selected by a ballot of the coaches.
- 4. The tournament champion will be the conference champion and will be awarded a plaque.
- 5. The tournament Runner-Up will be the conference runner-up and will be awarded a plaque.

6. Voting is required to take place prior to the beginning of the conference tournament as is required by the conference bylaws.