TO: Team Tennis District and Area Representative

FROM: UIL Athletic Office

SUBJECT: Post-Season Team Tennis Procedures

District Representatives:

Congratulations on representing your district for the team tennis playoffs. Since your school is advancing in the playoffs, the following points should clarify questions asked by participating team tennis schools. If the League office can be of further assistance during your tournament preparation period, please call.

a. At the district level, each school may enter one team consisting of a minimum of seven boys and seven girls. Girls’ and boys’ point totals count on team totals, but boys and girls cannot compete against each other, other than the mixed doubles match.

b. The winners of first, second, third and fourth place in each district shall advance to the area tournament. If majority votes from both DECs cancels the area tournament, the top finishers from each district would advance to the regional tournament.

Area Representatives:

The winners of first and second place in each area shall advance to the regional tournament.

CERTIFICATION OF AREA REPRESENTATIVES. The last date for certifying the area champions to the league office is listed below. Area chairs must certify representatives on the UIL website (http://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=57).

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TEAM INFORMATION FORM FOR STATE TOURNAMENT. Teams representing the area winner and runner-up must fill the team information form out online at http://www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-team-tennis. Failure to submit this information may result in your school not appearing in the State Team Tennis program.

Failure to submit this information could result in a range of penalties as described in Section 27(b) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, which will be enforced.
PICTURES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT. Teams representing the area (winner and runner-up) must email (pictures@uiltexas.org) a team picture, picture of the head coach, and school's mascot. The pictures must be at least 1 MB and in a jpg format to be acceptable. Failure to submit this information will result in your school not having their pictures in the State Team Tennis program. The following materials must be received in our office no later than Wednesday, October 29. This is an important step in providing you with the best possible program. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated. Listed below are the items we need:

1. Team Information form filled out online on the UIL website – www.uiltexas.org/forms/team-info-team-tennis (list of players, coaches, etc.; and a list of all games played)
2. Picture emailed to the UIL office (pictures@uiltexas.org):
   a. Team Picture – color, at least 1MB
   b. Picture of Head Coach – color, at least 1MB
   c. School’s mascot (camera ready art work if possible, if not a copy of the mascot from your letterhead, etc.)

NOTE: Failure to submit this information could result in a range of penalties as described in Section 27(b) of the Constitution and Contest Rules which will be enforced.

ENTRY FORMS. Attached is the Officials Team Tennis Line Up Entry Form, which is required to be completed for the appropriate level, i.e., district, area, regional or state, and send to the director in charge of the respective tournament. (For example, the district tournament director will get a form prior to the district tournament; the area director will get a form prior to the area tournament, etc.) If your school has qualified for the state tournament, please send a copy of your district, area, regional and state team tennis line up entry form to the UIL (email: rquinlan@uiltexas.org).

LINEUP.

-Lineup Changes. Between district and area, area and regional, or regional and state, the coach may change the lineup to reflect proper ladder position prior to the start of the tournament based on the following regulations:

1. **Singles Movement on Ladder.** After the previous qualifying tournament, the coach may move each player no more than one position up or down in the singles lineup.
2. **Doubles Movement on Ladder.** After the previous qualifying tournament, the coach may move each player no more than one position up or down in the doubles lineup.
3. **Doubles Moves.** After the previous qualifying tournament, the coach may change a player from one doubles partner to another partner, but no player may move more than one position in the doubles lineup.
Coaches must give his or her complete line-up prior to the start of the tournament for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles; in accordance to line-up procedures, to the tournament director.

SUBSTITUTIONS. Coaches must follow lineup regulations in the Team Tennis section of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules and in the Team Tennis Manual. Substitutions may be made between team matches. Substitutions can also be made during a team match before the individual match begins. In all instances, the substitution procedure must be followed.

Under no circumstances shall the coach change his/her lineup during a tournament. The penalty for doing so will be to forfeit the individual matches involved, with the scores becoming 6-0, 6-0 in each match. Coaches should be aware that a substitution and a line up change are not the same.

Regional Representatives:

REGIONAL PLAYOFFS. Friday and/or Saturday, October 31- November 1. A representative of each winning team should contact Darryl Beasley, assistant athletic director, on Saturday, at 512-238-0968.

REGIONAL TROPHIES. Regional trophies will be sent to regional tournament directors. The regional winners and runners-up will receive a trophy from the regional directors.

OFFICIALS. Each regional director should decide if there is a need to hire USTA umpires/referees for the regional matches. There appears to be a growing concern that coaches are not controlling/penalizing unsportsmanlike behavior of their athletes. If the regional site has problems with conduct, enforcement of rules, or USTA infractions, they may choose to require USTA officials at all matches. The regional director should state who has jurisdiction in enforcing UIL/USTA Rules.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES. Each regional director determines fees. The League office suggests that fees be kept to a minimum. That could mean each team has to furnish the tennis balls for all potential matches they will play plus an additional payment to defray the cost of officials.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MATCH TIME. The regional director will determine the schedule for the regional tournament.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DRAW. Each regional director shall be authorized to use a seed or draw. The regional tournament director shall determine the draw, times and court assignments for the regional tournament. Schools from the same area will go in opposite halves of the draw. NOTE: The University Interscholastic League does not recognize any rating system of any state or national ranking organization of high school age participants.
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT HOUSING. Each school is responsible for its own housing.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY BLANKS. Each area representative is responsible for having team information to the regional director immediately after the area representatives are certified.

Congratulations on a fine season! If we can be of assistance, please feel free to call us at the League Office (512.471.5883).