Tennis Sport Plan 2025-2026

I. Introduction

A. Helpful Links:
https://www.theacel.com/25-26-tennis.html
https://www.theacel.com/rules.html
Please refer to the Members section of www.theacel.com for more information on each Member organization's athletic directors and tennis coaches contact information.

B. 2025-2026 ACEL Tennis will have Qualifying Tournaments and a State Championships Tournament with varsity and junior varsity divisions for boys and girls. Student-athletes can participate in Singles OR Doubles, not both. And they must participate in either Varsity OR Junior Varsity for both qualifying and the State Championships Tournament (subject to ACEL Rules age eligibility). See www.theacel.com/rules for league Rules

II. Qualifying Tournaments

A. Member Organizations will be assigned to two of three Qualifying Tournaments. Student-athletes can attend BOTH of the Member Organizations assigned qualifying tournaments

B. Teams are allowed up to 3 singles entries and up to 4 Doubles teams (all divisions).

C. Alternates can be rostered beyond the three or four entries per event (Student-athletes must be listed on the ACEL Official Roster within the published roster deadlines). Doubles Alternates: Alternate (Rostered, qualified or unqualified) can compete to complete a Qualified Doubles team (Alternate cannot compete in other events at State Championship).

D. Each Member Organization must submit an Official Roster ("qualifier roster") prior to each assigned Qualifier with ONLY the names of the student-athletes participating in that week's qualifier. All entries on the Qualifier Roster must have been listed on the Official Roster. Any or all of each team's Official Roster members may participate in either or both of your assigned qualifiers. Link to rosters can be found in the Tennis section on the league website.

E. Qualifier Roster and Qualifier Fee of $30 per attending student-athlete due on the Monday prior to Qualifying Tournaments. All entries on the Qualifier Roster must be listed on the Official Roster Template and Fee Payment Link will be provided at https://www.theacel.com/25-26-tennis.html

F. Student-athletes must win a first-round match or two consolation matches at either tournament in order to qualify for state.

III. Matches

A. Four (4)-game sets for JV for the qualifying tournaments and state championships tournament.

B. Four (4)-game sets for Varsity for qualifying tournaments and state championships tournament, all rounds prior to championship.

C. Six (6)-game sets for the championship round in the State Championships Tournament for Varsity Boys (Doubles and Singles) and Varsity Girls (Doubles and Singles)

D. Tiebreakers: A set tied at 3-3 will be determined by a 7 point tiebreaker. A match tied at 1 set each will be determined by a 10 point tiebreaker. Tiebreaker rules will be provided at the tournament desk at each tournament. Players are expected to be able to score a tiebreaker. Coaches should educate the players during practice on how to do so.

IV. Qualifier Assignments

<u>Lafayette Qualifying Tournament February 28, 2026</u>

February 28, 2026, Oakbourne Country Club

John Paul the Great Academy (JPG)
Acadiana Christian Athletics (ACA)
Acadiana Homeschool Athletics (AHSA)
Messiah Montessori School (MM)
CHEF-Baton Rouge (CHEF)
First Baptist Christian School (FBCS)
Holy Trinity Academy (HTA)
Immanuel Christian School (Immanuel)
Bishop Noland High School (BNHS)

<u>Lake Charles Qualifying Tournament March 7, 2026</u>

March 7, 2026, Ward 3 Recreation Tennis Complex, Lake Charles

Bishop Noland High School (BNHS)
Lake Area Homeschool Sports (Lake Area)
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletic Club (SWLA)
John Paul the Great Academy (JPG)
Messiah Montessori School (MM)
CHEF-Baton Rouge (CHEF)
CHA-Northeast (CHA)
Midstate Homeschool (Midstate)
Old Bethel Christian Academy (OBCA)

<u>Alexandria Qualifying Tournament March 14, 2026</u>

March 14, 2026 Alexandria Tennis Complex

CHA-Northeast (CHA)
Midstate Homeschool (Midstate)
Old Bethel Christian Academy (OBCA)
Acadiana Christian Athletics (ACA)
Acadiana Homeschool Athletics (AHSA)
First Baptist Christian School (FBCS)
Holy Trinity Academy (HTA)
Immanuel Christian School (Immanuel)
Lake Area Homeschool Sports(Lake Area)
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletic Club (SWLA)

V. State Championships Tournament

March 21, 2026: Alexandria Tennis Complex

State Fees Due March 16, 2026: State Fee Payment Link will be provided at https://www.theacel.com/25-26-tennis.html No additional roster submission is required for this tournament-all state qualifiers will be posted on the league website

VI. Awards

A. Individual Medals will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-up in each event

B. Team awards will be presented to the team champion and runners-up in all four categories: Girls Varsity; Boys Varsity; Girls JV; Boys JV

VII. Leadership

Tennis Commissioner: Marty Hebert

Tournament Directors: John Paoletti, Zeb Stearns, and Carey Tomlinson

Tennis Committee: John Paoletti, David Landry, Zeb Stearns, Carey Tomlinson