

ACEL Tennis Plan 2022-2023



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Tennis Leadership

ACEL Tennis Commissioner

The ACEL Tennis Commissioner is responsible for the general organization of ACEL Tennis.

2022-23 ACEL Tennis Commissioner:

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ACEL Tennis Committee

There is a three-person Tennis Committee comprised of USTA Louisiana Director of Junior Competition Courtney Dugas, JPG Tennis Coach John Paoletti, and AHSA Tennis Coach Matthew Cortez, who advise the Tennis Commissioner, Executive Director, and Board of Directors on tournament format, seeding structure, officiating, and all other league tennis concerns.

General Season Information

Preseason Meeting

The Tennis Preseason Meeting was held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Events

Competition will be available in the Regional Tournaments and State in each of the following events if there are at least 3 entered competitors in those events:

Girls Singles Varsity

Girls Singles JV

Boys Singles Varsity

Boys Singles JV

Girls Doubles Varsity

Girls Doubles JV

Boys Doubles Varsity

Boys Doubles JV

Student-athletes will sign up to play in either a Boys or Girls singles bracket or a Boys or Girls doubles bracket. Athletes may not compete in both singles and doubles.

Officials

A USTA Certified Official will act as on-site Meet Director and Official for all Regional Qualifying Tournaments and the State Championship Tournament.

General Season Information

Rules

ACEL Tennis follows the USTA's Friend at Court Handbook of Rules and Regulations.
<https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2022-pdfs/2022%20Friend%20at%20Court.pdf>

Administrator Required at Each Game

An administrator or a designated representative for each team must be in attendance at all ACEL events. The administrator may NOT be the team's coach nor may they sit on the bench. The purpose of the administrator is to handle issues that may arise with the fans, players, or coaches of their organization. The administrator must locate and introduce themselves to the administrator of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the game. Administrators for each team will work together to handle any issue that arises beyond the scope of the officials' authority.

Roster and Seeding Form

Each Organization must submit a roster form for each event. Do NOT combine athletes onto a single roster. ACEL roster forms are available for download from the forms and downloads section of the ACEL website. Email completed roster forms to admin@theacel.com.

To assist the tennis committee accurately seed tournaments, a seeding form should be completed by coaches for all participating athletes. A link to the seeding form is available from the Tennis page of the ACEL website. If no seeding form is completed for an athlete, the committee will assume the player is a beginner with little experience.

Commitment Deadlines

Commitment Deadlines are as follows:

January 27 Commitment and Roster Deadline for Regional Tournament #1

February 27 Commitment and Roster Deadline for Regional Tournament #2

March 20 Commitment Deadline for the State Tournament

Commitment Fees

Commitment fees must be paid by credit card using the link provided on the Tennis page of the ACEL website. Regional tournament fees are \$40 per athlete per tournament. State Championship Tournament fees are \$60 per athlete.

Gate fees will not be charged at regional or state tournaments.

Regional Tournament Schedule

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The Tennis season will consist of two Regional Qualifying Tournaments in each region. These are qualifying tournaments, and attendance at least one is required for participation in the State Championship Tournament.

In an effort to keep tournament participation as even as possible, organizations will only be allowed to participate in their assigned regional. Organizations with larger expected participation are grouped by geography. Organizations with fewer expected athletes will compete in one region for the first tournament and the other region for the second to offset travel required.

Lafayette Regional #1

February 11, 2023, 11:00 am start
Oakbourne
Hosted by John Paul the Great Academy

Participating Organizations:
Acadiana Home School Athletics
John Paul the Great Academy
CHA- Northeast

Lafayette Regional #2

March 11, 2023, 10:00 am start
Beaver Park
Hosted by Acadiana Home School Athletics

Participating Organizations:
Acadiana Home School Athletics
John Paul the Great Academy
Messiah Montessori School

Lake Charles Regional #1

February 25, 2023, 9:00 am start
Graywood Sports Complex
Hosted by Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

Participating Organizations:
Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics
Messiah Montessori School

Lake Charles Regional #2

March 11, 2023, 9:00 am start
Graywood Sports Complex
Hosted by Southwest Louisiana
Homeschool Athletics

Participating Organizations:
Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics
CHA Northeast

Scores from the Regional Tournaments attended are carried forward to the State Championship Tournament.

Regional Tournament Scoring

The following table will serve as a model for the points awarded to each player following each regional tournament based on their results:

Final Result Bracket / Round Robin	Points Awarded
Champion / 1st Place	10
Runner-Up / 2nd Place	8
Semifinalist / 3rd Place	6
Consolation Match Winner / 4th Place	4
Consolation Match Loser / 5th Place	2

Tournament Seeding

Regional Tournament Seeding

For the first Regional Qualifying Tournament, seeding will be determined by the Tennis Committee using each student-athlete's USTA ranking (if available and provided). UTR rankings will then be considered (if available and provided). If USTA and/or UTR ranking is not available, then seeding will be at random. When seeding, we will make every effort to match athletes from different teams in Round 1.

For the second Regional Qualifying Tournament, seeding will be determined first by performance in the first ACEL Regional Qualifying Tournament. Then USTA Ranking (if available and provided) will be then considered for the second Regional Qualifying Tournament for athletes that did not attend the first. Then UTR rankings (if available and provided) will be then considered for the second Regional Qualifying Tournament for athletes that did not attend the first

State Tournament Seeding

Student-athletes individual scores from the Regional Tournaments will determine their seeding for the State Championship Tournament.

Points will be tallied among individual student-athletes to determine individual champions and runners-up, doubles teams to determine doubles champions and runners-up, and all organizations to determine the Team Champion and Team Runner-Up.

State Championship

State Championship Tournament

The ACEL State Championship Tennis Tournament will be March 24-25, 2023 at the Alexandria Tennis Facility.

State Championship Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals will be awarded in each of the following events:

Girls Singles Varsity
Girls Singles JV
Boys Singles Varsity
Boys Singles JV
Girls Doubles Varsity
Girls Doubles JV
Boys Doubles Varsity
Boys Doubles JV

A team state championship trophy and runner-up plaque will be awarded to the highest scoring varsity boys and girls team.

Regional Host Guidelines

Thank you to all our 2022-23 Regional Tournament hosts:

Acadiana Home School Athletics
Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School
John Paul the Great Academy
Southwest Louisiana Homeschool Athletics.

There would be no ACEL Tennis opportunity without the efforts of these host organizations. Hosting a tournament is a challenge for our Member Organizations. Hosts will not make much if any profit from these tournaments. Our Members volunteer to host because that is the only way to grow the sport and to grow our league ultimately for the benefit of our student athletes.

* Consult the ACEL Tennis Commissioner for sample budgets and other information needed for hosting and funding an ACEL Tennis Tournament.

From the ACEL Executive Director

ACEL Tennis is off to a fantastic start. Our Tennis Commissioner, Marty Hebert, and our Tennis Committee have already poured countless hours into planning our ACEL Tennis program. The preseason coaches' meeting was well attended with four of the attending organizations volunteering to host tournaments.

Because this is the first year the ACEL has sanctioned tennis and, as with anything new, there will be a few challenges as we progress through the season. Please be patient and considerate as we work through any difficulties. Also, please make a point to communicate with your tennis commissioner as soon as you identify a possible problem or issue.

Keep in mind that ACEL sports often function differently than you may expect. There are very good and logical reasons for those differences. At the ACEL we strive to create as much opportunity as we reasonably can for as many of our student-athletes as possible. That means that we routinely alter "what everyone else does" in-order to cater to the unique needs of our members. That process takes time (usually several seasons) to fine-tune.

Be aware that the information provided in this document may change as we work through this inaugural season. Any changes will be emailed to your Administrator and Athletic Director.

Most problems and misunderstandings can be avoided simply through communication. Feel free to communicate with your tennis commissioner and they members of the tennis committee. If you have any league questions, consult your athletic director or administrator and they can contact me directly.

Blessings,

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(Leave a message, and I will get back to you.)