

Section 2

Handbook

2015

NYSPHSAA

Girls Tennis

This girls' tennis handbook has been prepared to provide information and guidelines for Section 2 Girls' Tennis competition. All coaches and athletic directors are urged to read this handbook. Although dates will change from year to year, most of the information will remain constant. Coaches should pay special attention to the sections regarding eligibility rules, number of practices prior to scrimmages, site/locations, etc. Coaches are also reminded that girls must wear school uniforms to all Section 2 matches including individual matches through to the State Championships.

1. Letter of Intent: The Section now has an annual Letter of Intent that is submitted by each school and includes all sports. A list of the schools and their intent will be provided to me by the end of September. If a school or individual wishes to withdraw from sectionals, the Athletic Director from that school must contact the Sport Coordinator (Gerry Cuva) prior to seeding. Once the seeding has been established, a school or individual **may not** withdraw without penalty.
2. The format for the Section 2 Individual Tournament is subject to change.
3. The Section 2 seeding meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm at the Tri City Racquet Club in Latham. This meeting is only for League Representatives.
4. The League Representatives are responsible for collecting all team and individual entries on white 3" x 5" cards and have them available at the seeding meeting. Entries are due October 1st and no late entries will be accepted.
5. **The point penalty system has been revised in line with the State Tournament. Coaches are to issue the warning to all players during introductions. After that the order is Point, Game and Default.**
6. By mutual agreement coaches may use the Coman tiebreaker for doubles. The scoring is the same except players change ends after the first point and every four points thereafter.
7. The Tennis Committee would like to know your thoughts on changing play to two sets with regular (ad) scoring and using a super tiebreaker as the third set. Please express your opinion to your league representative.
8. The update is in the schedule and reflects that the Thursday before team sectionals is designated for play in matches with that Friday as a rain date. This should allow for the completion of team sectionals prior to individual sectionals. Some changes for new school coaches were also made.

INTRODUCTION

Section 2 provides two (2) post-season tournaments for Girls' Tennis (team and individual):

Team Sectionals

This tournament is an open sectional for the school's complete tennis team (regardless of the season record). A champion will be determined for Class AA, Class A, Class B and Class C/D schools. Schools are expected to play in their class. If a school wishes to play at a higher level, they must file the proper form with the Section 2 Office and sport coordinator prior to the beginning of the tennis season. Schools participating in this tournament should expect to play Saturday matches. The league representative is responsible for checking the tennis record.

Individual Sectionals

This tournament determines a singles and a doubles champion for Section 2. Three singles players and three doubles team winners go to the State Tournament (nine girls). Each school is allowed to send up to six players to the section tournament. Coaches are asked to send only players who they feel can be successful and competitive in this tournament.

You may not exceed two singles or two doubles teams.

No one is allowed to play if the white 3" x 5" card is not entered with the league representative on or before October 1st.

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Individual Sectional Tennis Tournament is cancelled for inclement weather (or any other reason), please contact your league representative.

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SECTION 2

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SECTION 2 GIRLS TENNIS LEAGUES

Independents

Albany High

Bishop Maginn

Catholic Central

Schenectady High

Troy

Emma Willard

North Warren

Colonial

Academy of the Holy Names

Albany Academies

Ichabod Crane

Ravena

Schalmont

Schoharie

Voorheesville

Waterford

Foothills

Glens Falls

Greenwich

Hudson Falls

Johnstown

Queensbury

Scotia-Glenville

South Glens Falls

Amsterdam

Patroon

Cairo-Durham

Catskill

Chatham

Coxsackie-Athens

Hudson High

Maple Hill

Rensselaer

Suburban

Averill Park

Ballston Spa

Bethlehem

Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake

Colonie

Columbia

Guilderland

Mohonasen

Niskayuna

Saratoga Springs

Shaker

Shenendehowa

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2015
Girls' Tennis Calendar
October

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				1 Entry Cards Due	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Team Sectionals If Needed	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 Team Sectionals Play-ins 3:00PM	14 Team Sectionals Quarters 3:00PM	15 Team Sectionals Semis 3:00PM	16 Team Sectionals Finals 3:00pm	17
18	19 Individual Sectionals Central Park 8:00AM	20 Individual Sectionals Central Park Quarters 2:00PM	21 Rain Date	22 Rain Date	23 Rain Date	24
25	26 Semi-Finals @ Sportime 2-4	27 Finals @ Sportime 2-4	28	29	30	31 State Tournament @ Tri City
Nov. 1 State Tournament @ Tri City	Nov. 2 State Tournament @ Tri City	Nov. 3	Nov. 4			

Section 2 Tournament Entry Form

All entries must be submitted to your league representative on **white 3" x 5" index cards only** before September 30th . This information will not be accepted by phone, e-mail or facsimile. Each school will submit a maximum of five (5) entry cards (e.g., one card for each singles player, and a separate card for **each** doubles team, plus your team entry). Each card/entry must contain the following information as shown below:



Singles or Doubles Entry
(3" x 5" card sample)

School Name _____ Coach _____

1st Singles Player _____

(Note: Separate cards are required for 2nd singles player, 3rd singles player, as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd doubles players.) Supporting information for seeding should be included.



Team Entry
(Sample 3" x 5" index card)

School Name _____ League _____ Class _____

Coach _____ Telephone # _____

League Record _____



TEAM SECTIONALS

<u>Eligibility</u>	A team must have played six matches by the date of the beginning of the Tournament. Although the tournament is open, a coach should use his/her discretion when entering a team. (All team members participating must have played in six matches.)
<u>Classification</u>	All schools are invited to participate. There will be four classifications, or four separate draws: AA, A, B and C/D.
<u>Match Play</u>	AA's will play six singles and three doubles, with no repeats. A's will play five singles and two doubles, with no repeats. B's will play five singles and two doubles, with no repeats. C/D's will play five singles and two doubles, with no repeats. Individual matches will be the best of three NO-AD sets with a 12 point tiebreaker at a 6-6 game score. All matches are to be played out to their conclusion. Circumstances such as bad weather, darkness, wind, cold may be left up to the discretion of the coaches.
<u>Sites</u>	Only finals will be played at neutral sites. All other matches will be at the home site of the higher seeded team. In the event of a large amount of travel, (i.e., Johnstown to Queensbury) a neutral site may be arranged by the Section 2 Coordinator or league representative.
<u>Tennis Balls</u>	The home team will furnish one new can of tennis balls per individual match. At a neutral site, the higher seeded team will provide one less can of tennis balls than the opponent. Schools provide all balls; Section 2 will not provide any tennis balls.
<u>Coaching</u>	Same rules apply as stated in <u>Lineup Guidelines For Sectional Team Match Play.</u>
<u>Scheduling</u>	The seeding committee will set the dates of the matches and teams will play on continuous days until the conclusion of the tournament.
<u>Warm Ups</u>	Visiting Teams should be given sufficient time to warm up as a team upon arrival.
<u>Late Arrival</u>	There is no penalty for a team arriving late. A courtesy call is appropriate.

Report of Matches The winner of a team match should call the contact person of their representative class the night of completion of the match. This is necessary to organize the next day's matches.

Please report scores promptly. Also, please report your team scores to the Schenectady Gazette (395-3070) Albany Times Union (454-5414) and Troy Record (272-2985). Matches are not official until scores are reported in these newspapers.

Awards

Team plaques will be awarded to both Finalists in each draw. Section 2 patches will be awarded to members of both teams in each final. Plaques and patches will be awarded at the conclusion of the final. Awards will be announced at individual sectionals to give recognition to the teams and players.

LINEUP GUIDELINES FOR SECTIONAL TEAM MATCH PLAY

1. A team's lineup is to be played in the order of their ability of all members of the team. If a team has one less than the number needed the team may elect to play either last singles or both doubles.
2. A team's lineup is to be determined by challenge matches. Players losing a challenge match should drop one position.
3. Using the example of a team which plays five singles and two doubles:
A coach should first determine who his/her best five singles players are by challenges, then allow his doubles combinations to play off to determine their order. For each match they are to be played in the order of their ability. Any change is to be made on results of challenge matches.
4. In the case of an injury or illness an adjustment would have to be made:

Singles Example: (Five singles and two doubles)

If any player in your singles lineup, except No. 5, is out, then your lineup must all shift upward one notch. A substitute can then be placed in the No. 5 spot. Your doubles teams can remain the same.

Doubles Example:

If a doubles player is injured or ill, a substitute for that player, for that match, is allowed. The order of your doubles teams should remain the same. If the player is going to remain out of the lineup, then the coach should have the new doubles team play-off

with the established one to make sure they are playing in the order of their ability during any future matches.

5. Play shall be continuous from the first serve until the match is concluded, unless the match goes three sets. (There may be a 10-minutes break between the 2nd and 3rd sets.)
6. Coaching will be allowed on all changeovers for 90 seconds set (on court) and 10 minutes between the 2nd and 3rd set. Coaching is also permitted for two minutes between the 1st and 2nd sets. No coaching is allowed for the 1st and 2nd games; nor, are players allowed to sit. The head coach is considered to be the person who does the coaching.
7. While the players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults, or other players. (Except where noted in #6)
8. Any “situation” questions should be directed to the Section 2 Coordinator.

Seeding Procedures

If you have an individual you would like considered for seeding, please submit the name and supporting documentation to your league representative. Participation in the seeding meeting is limited to league representatives or someone representing them, the coordinator and Section 2 representatives.

Class AA teams will be seeded according to league records (and strength of league/schedule) and then placed on the draw sheet so that 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, etc.

Class B teams are encouraged to play as many inter-league games as possible so that seeding may be determined.

Class C & D teams will be arranged so that after seeding and where possible, intra-league match-ups are avoided in early rounds.

Protest Procedure for Team Sectional Matches

- 1. Prior to the commencement of Team Sectionals, each coach shall submit their line-up to their league representative.** Any change from earlier matches must be explained to their league representative.
2. If, during a match, a coach feels that a line-up change or other situation is protestable, she must inform the opposing coach immediately at the match that it is being protested. Both coaches and officials, if present, should note the issue of disagreement.
3. However, if the protest involves a line-up change, the protest may be lodged up to 24 hours after the results of the sectional team match appear in the Schenectady Gazette, Times Union or the Troy Record.
4. The protest should be lodged with the Section 2 Coordinator who will consult with all persons involved to determine whether or not the situation is protestable and attempt to resolve the conflict to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.
5. In the event the Coordinator cannot resolve the protest, the Section 2 Tennis Committee will be informed of the details of the protest. The Section 2 Tennis Committee will come to a decision and within 24 hours render the judgment in writing to all parties involved.
6. If a Section 2 Tennis Committee member is from one of the schools involved in the protest, the committee member will not be involved in the resolution of the protest. (The Section 2 Tennis Committee is composed of the Section 2 Girls' Tennis Coordinator and the Girls' Tennis League Representatives.)

INDIVIDUAL SECTIONALS

- Eligibility A player is eligible only if she has represented her school in six scheduled matches by the date of the tournament.
- Participants Schools fielding such a team will be allowed to bring up to six participants – two singles players and two doubles teams. Entry is optional. Please fill out the entry blank and return by September 30th..
- Late Arrival USTA rules for late arrival will be followed unless the Tennis Committee determines that control was beyond the school or player. Default will occur only when the Tennis Committee determines continuation of the Tournament is impacted.
- Site All play of the Section 2 Individual Tournament up to the semi-finals will take place at Central Park, Schenectady, N. Y.

- **Note: At sectionals cleaning up of your area is imperative! Please be courteous and leave your site in good condition. Look around and discard all unwanted materials and take your personal belongings with you.**

- Format First and second round play (and possibly the 3rd round, depending on the number in the draw) will consist of 10 game pro sets (8 games depending on the conditions) with no-ad scoring to earn their way into the next round. (12-point tiebreaker at 10-10) Remaining rounds will be best of three no-ad sets, 12-point tiebreaker 6-6. Semifinals and finals will be regular scoring.
- Tennis Balls Each singles player and each doubles team is to bring a **new can of tennis balls** to the individual tournament. The winner of the match for the next round will use the unopened can.
- Seeding Seeding will be done such that 1 plays 8, 2 plays 7, etc. if the seeding holds. Entries beyond 8 shall be distributed according to USTA rules with the following conditions:
- a. Players from the same team will be distributed to opposite sides of the draw.
 - b. An attempt will be made to avoid intra-league matches in the first round.
- Once a draw is made, no substitution will be allowed except in the case of illness. In this case, a person not originally scheduled to play may be substituted into the draw.
- Note: Seeding decisions made at the seeding meeting are final except for changes made due to the withdrawal of a player.

Coaching Coaching shall be allowed. Coaching will be allowed in all matches on changeovers except after the first game of a set. The coach is not allowed to come onto the court. Only the school's coach may coach.

Awards Section 2 patches will be awarded to all winners, runners-up and third place finishers. Third place is determined by the losing semi-finalists playing each other.

State
Tournament Three singles players and three doubles teams will comprise the Section 2 Team that competes in the State Tournament.

Important Reminders

Participation: The returning of the Letter of Intent by a school, implies that the School (team/individual) will participate in the Section 2 Tournament and NYSPHSAA Tournament until eliminated or to conclusion. (This applies to both the team and individual sectionals.)

***Remember** – girls must wear school uniforms for all Section 2 Team and Individual matches. You will not play without a school uniform and it will be enforced. **No exceptions!** In case of cold weather, uniforms must be worn under warm-ups (which should be as close to school colors as possible). For example, if your school colors are orange and black, team members should not wear green warm-ups.

The jewelry rule will be enforced. No jewelry in sectional play!

Warm-Ups For All Sectional Matches

In the interest of fairness: participating individuals may not warm-up or practice on the courts being used on the day of their match prior to their scheduled court time.

Sportsmanship For Players

The point penalty system has been a part of the USTA Guidelines that govern Section 2 tennis activities. In matches without officials, coaches shall enforce the point penalty system. In all cases if a coach witnesses a violation, he/she must stop that match and warn the offending players as well as inform the opposing coach. In matches with officials, the officials will be responsible for enforcing the point penalty system. (See Point Penalty System)

Sportsmanship For Spectators

The following are guidelines that appear in the USTA publications entitled "Guide to Teaching Sportsmanship".

1. Never cheer or clap when either player makes an error. Cheering and clapping is appropriate for all positive plays.
2. Applause is considered acceptable, but such things as football style cheers or cheers that are disguised coaching are considered poor sportsmanship.
3. Learn to applaud good shots from each player.
4. Spectators will never get involved in a match! They will never suggest, by word or action, that a call is correct or incorrect. They will not offer suggestions when players are unsure of the score.
5. Spectators will not attempt to coach a player during a match.
6. Spectators will stay a comfortable distance from the fences around the tennis courts (a minimum of 3 feet).
7. Friends, children, teammates, or parents are not permitted on the court at any time.

The Point Penalty System

1. The purposes of the system are: (1) to deter unsportsmanship-like conduct and (2) to ensure compliance with the continuous play rule. The objective of the Point Penalty System is not to punish but to secure compliance with the rules.
2. A penalty on a member of a doubles team is considered to have been imposed on the team.
3. All penalties under the point penalty system are treated as though the points or games actually have been played so far as serving order and court occupancy are concerned.
4. If both players (teams) are equally responsible for delay during a match, any penalty will be imposed upon the server.
5. A game penalty during a game means the loss of the game in progress, regardless of the point score at the time; there is no carry-over of points to the next game. A penalty imposed between games or prior to the start of a match will apply to the next point or game scheduled to be played.
6. A point penalty is scored as though the player had played and lost what would have been the next point.
7. A player who is the beneficiary if a penalty imposed upon her opponent may not, in the best interests of the game, decline to accept it any more than she could decline to accept a point for a double fault by her opponent. A player who disobeys the instructions of an official in such a case is herself to be defaulted.
8. No abuse of players and officials:
 - a. No person shall abuse an official or player. The official shall make certain that no parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player abuses an official or player.
 - b. A player consents to being penalized under the point penalty system for abusive conduct by a person who appears to be associated with the player. If the official observes such conduct, he/she shall suspend play and request that the person desist. If the abuse continues, he/she may direct the person to leave the playing area. In a flagrant case, the official may immediately direct the person to leave without requesting him/her to desist.

- c. If the person refuses to follow the instructions to leave, then the official may penalize the player associated with the person under the Point Penalty System.

Intentional Violations

Intentional delay after warm-up or between points.

Intentional violation of the 90-second rule.

Not resuming play after natural loss of condition.

Prolonging an argument longer than 30 seconds after having been directed to resume play. If any time violation has been penalized, the passage of an additional 30 seconds is the basis for an additional penalty.

Audible or visible obscenity or profanity.

Abuse of racket, balls or equipment.

Verbal or physical abuse of a player or official.

Unsportsmanlike conduct.

Penalties – Violations will be penalized as follows:

First Offense.....Point
Second Offense.....Game
Third Offense.....Default

Except after an injury or after natural loss of condition, and in lieu of utilizing the schedule of penalties shown above, the officials shall penalize unintentional time violations in accordance with the table shown above.

- Abusive conduct by a player or a person associated with a player (Refer to No Abuse of Players and Officials) explained on previous page.
- Retaliatory calls (Obviously bad calls made in retaliation for the opponent's calls)

Unintentional Time Violations

Unintentional delay after warm-up or between points.

Unintentional violation of the 90-second rule.

First Offense.....Warning
Each additional Violation....One Point Penalty

Guidelines For Player Responsibilities In Matches Without Umpires

The following items answer the most common questions that come up in non-umpired matches

Calls

- a. Opponent gets benefit of the doubt: When in doubt about whether a ball is in or out, the player shall make the call in favor of her opponent. If the player has any doubt about whether her opponent's ball is out, she shall call it good. A let shall not be played.
- b. Disagreement over call between partners: If a player and her partner disagree about whether their opponent's ball was out, they shall call it good.
- c. Player makes calls on her side of the net: A player shall make the call on her side of the net.
- d. Visible or audible out calls: No matter how obvious it is to a player that her opponent's ball is out, the opponent is entitled to an audible or visible out call.
- e. Instantaneous calls: A player shall make all calls instantly but not until the ball has hit in the court. This means making the call either before the opponent has had the opportunity to play the ball or before the player's shot has gone out of play.
- f. Instantaneous calls and the two chance rule: The requirement of making an instantaneous call is designed to eliminate the "two chance" option. For example, the server is advancing to the net for an easy put away when she sees a ball from an adjoining court rolling towards her. If the server wants to claim a let she must do so immediately. She may not wait until after she has hit the ball. Once she hits the ball she loses the right to claim a let even if the distraction caused by the ball causes her to miss the shot.
- g. Player calls against herself any ball that is clearly out: If requested, a player shall help her opponent on a call. A player shall call against herself any ball that is clearly out.
- h. Correcting out call to good: If a player mistakenly calls a ball out and then realizes that it was good, the point shall be replayed if she returned the ball to her opponent's court. If the player failed to make the return, her opponent wins the point. If the mistake was made on a second serve, the server is entitled to two serves.
- i. How to question an opponent about her call: A player may ask her opponent about her call by the query: "Are you sure of your call?" No further delay or discussion is permitted. If the opponent reaffirms that the ball was out, her call shall be accepted. If the opponent is uncertain, she loses the point.
- j. Requesting help of opponent: A player may ask her opponent about a call that is the player's responsibility. If the opponent gives her opinion, it shall be accepted. If neither player has an opinion, then the ball is considered good.

- k. Spectators should not be asked to make a call: A player shall never ask a spectator to make a call.
- l. Touches, hitting ball before it crosses net, invasion of opponent's court, double-hits, and double bounces: A player shall call against herself:
 - A ball touching her;
 - Her touching of the net;
 - Her touching of her opponent's court;
 - Her hitting a ball before it crosses the net;
 - Deliberate carries and double hits and double bounces.
- m. Through and balls hit into the ground before traveling over the net: A player shall make the ruling on a ball that her opponent hits through the net and on a ball that her opponent hits into the ground before it goes over the net.

Serves, Foot Faults, Service Lets and Service Returns

- a. Practice serves: Service practice by all players shall be completed before the first serve of the match. A player shall not practice return of serves on her opponent's serves. If a player has completed her practice serves, she should return her opponent's practice serves directly to her opponent.
- b. Server's request for third ball: The receiver shall comply with the server's request to have three balls in her hand before the start of a point unless the third ball is some distance away and retrieving it then would result in prolonged delay.
- c. Foot faults: A player may warn her opponent that the opponent has committed a flagrant foot fault. If the foot-faulting continues, the player may attempt to locate an umpire. If no umpire is available, the player may call flagrant foot faults.
- d. Call serves in doubles: In doubles the receiver's partner should call the service line and the receiver should call the sideline and center service line. Nonetheless, either partner may call a ball that she clearly sees.
- e. Server and her partner should not call first serve out: Neither the server nor her partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt. But the server and her partner shall call out any second serve that either of them clearly sees out.
- f. Calling service lets: Any player may call a service let. The call shall be made before the return of the serve goes out of play or is hit by an opponent. If the serve is an apparent or near ace, any let shall be called promptly.
- g. Returning out balls: A player shall not put into play or hit over the net a served ball that is obviously out. Nonetheless, if a player honestly believes that she cannot call a serve out (giving her opponent the benefit of a close call), the server is not entitled to replay the point.

- h. Returning serve when receiver is not ready: The receiver shall not attempt to return a serve unless she, or she and her partner are ready. If a player returns a serve, she or her partner, are presumed ready.
- i. Delays between the first and second serve: When there is a delay between the first and second serve –
 - The server gets one serve if she was the cause of the delay;
 - The server gets two serves if the delay was caused by the receiver or if there was outside interference.

Score

- a. Server announces score: The server shall announce the game score before the game and the point score before each point.
- b. Disputes: Disputes over the score shall be resolved by using one of the following methods. (The methods are listed in order of preference.):
 - Count all points and games agreed upon by the players and replay only the disputed points or games.
 - Spin a racket or toss a coin.

Miscellaneous

- a. Points played in good faith count: All points played in good faith stand. For example, if after playing a point the players discover that the net was too high, the point stands.
- b. Requesting an umpire: If an opponent repeatedly violates the rules, a player may ask for an umpire. The player may leave the court to seek the assistance of the referee or to request an umpire.
- c. Talking during a point: A player shall not talk while the ball is moving toward her opponent's side of the court. If the player's talking interferes with the opponent's ability to play the ball, the player loses the point.
- d. Feinting with the body: A player may feint with her body while the ball is in play. She may change position at any time including while the server is tossing the ball. Movements or sounds that are made solely to distract an opponent, such as waving the arms or racket or stamping the feet, are not allowed.
- e. Retrieving stray ball: A player shall not go behind an adjacent court to retrieve a ball when play is in progress. A player shall not ask for one of her balls from players on an adjacent court until their point is over. When a player returns a ball that came from an adjacent court, she shall wait until their point is over and then return it directly to one of the players and preferably to the server.
- f. The Code: "The Code" is a USTA publication originally written by Col. N. E. Powell that discusses in great detail the code that governs unofficiated matches. The principals set forth in "The Code" shall apply in cases not specifically covered by these regulations.

Past Winners

2011

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Emma Willard	Shaker
A	Burnt Hills	Holy Names
B	Ichabod Crane	Schalmont
C/D	Voorheesville	Maple Hill

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Cathryn Crummey – Shaker	Chassidy King/Keishorea Armstrong – Emma Willard
2	Gabby Peda – Guilderland	Mitali Das/Molly Goodman – Emma Willard
3	Claire Schmitz – Emma Willard	Emily Laurillard/Ann Phillips - Niskayuna

2010

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Shaker	Emma Willard
A	Holy Names	Burnt Hills
B	Ichabod Crane	Schalmont
C/D	Maple Hill	Voorheesville

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Cathryn Crummey – Shaker	Shannon Mukerj/Catherine Jenkins – Shaker
2	Claire Schmitz – Emma Willard	Mitali Das/Molly Goodman – Emma Willard
3	Gabby Peda – Guilderland	Teru Greene/Kristen Brayden - Shenendehowa

2009

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Shenendehowa	Guilderland
A	Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa	Amsterdam
B	Ichabod Crane	Cobleskill
C/D	Maple Hill	Voorheesville

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Cathryn Crummey – Shaker	Sara Bjork/Rebecca Mangona – Saratoga
2	Amanda Rosati – Holy Names	Mitali Das/Shibani Das – Emma Willard
3	Claire Schmitz – Scotia/Glenville	Rachael Gallei/Lauren Fehervari - Guilderland

2008

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Guilderland	Shenendehowa
A	Burnt Hills	Holy Names
B	Cobleskill/Richmondville	Catskill
C/D	Voorheesville	Maple Hill

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Sarah Kandath – AlbanyAcademies	Gabby Peda/Kristen Ackerman – Guilderland
2	Gabby Scammacca - Shenendehowa	Cat Crummey/Ali Coyle – Shaker
3	Shibani Das – Emma Willard	Sara Bjork/Rebecca Mangona - Saratoga

2007

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Bethlehem	Emma Willard
A	Burnt Hills	Holy Names
B	Albany Academies	Ichabod Crane
C/D	Voorheesville	Maple Hill

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Jasleen Sandhu – Shaker	Ali Breenberg/Jen Frangella – Bethlehem
2	Julia Loomis – Niskayuna	Emily Magee/Erica Fitzgerald – Queensbury
3	Andrea Goodman – Emma Willard	Cathryn Crummey/Nicole Ross - Shaker

2006

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Shenendehowa	Bethlehem
A	Burnt Hills	Holy Names
B	Voorheesville	Cobleskill/Richmondville
C/D	Greenwich	Maple Hill

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Jasleen Sandhu – Shaker	Ali Breenberg/Jen Frangella – Bethlehem
2	Julia Loomis – Niskayuna	Devan Dalco/Conna Crummey - Shaker
3	Alex Goodman – Emma Willard	Alexis Etkin/Gabby Scaccama - Shenendehowa

2005

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Shaker	Saratoga
A	Emma Willard	Albany Academies
B	Voorheesville	Cobleskill/Richmondville
C/D	Maple Hill	Watervliet

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Erica Rosenblum - Albany	Jackie Stimmel/Riley Dziendziel – Saratoga
2	Jasleen Sandhu – Shaker	Betsy Breaznell/Allie Greenberg – Bethlehem
3	Rachel Kandath – Albany Academies	Conna Crummey/Devan Delcol – Shaker

2004

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
AA	Bethlehem	Shaker
A	Emma Willard	Burnt Hills
B	Voorheesville	Chatham
C/D	Maple Hill	Greenwich

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Sara Mayer – Shaker	Jackie Stimmel/Riley Dziendziel – Saratoga
2	Erica Rosenblum – Albany	Anne Lehte/Cammie Hayes – Queensbury
3	Rachel Kandath – Albany Academies	Betsy Breaznell/Allie Greenberg - Bethlehem

2003

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
A	Shaker	Niskayuna
B	Emma Willard	Albany Academies
C/D	Chatham	Coxsackie/Athens

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Sara Mayer – Shaker	Jackie Stimmel/Catherine Forant – Saratoga
2	Erica Rosenblum – Albany	Jasleen Sandu/Devan Dalco – Shaker
3	Christina Gray – Shenendehowa	Jessie Brown/Laura Heisler - Bethlehem

2002

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
A	Shaker	Saratoga
B	Albany Academies	Emma Willard
C/D	Chatham	Coxsackie/Athens

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Amanda O'Hearn – Shaker	Emily Emerick/Jasleen Sandhu – Shaker
2	Sara Mayer – Shaker	Julie Hoffman/Sugum Langer – Albany Academies
3	Erica Rosenblum – Schalmont	Erin Chapman/Meghan Kelly - Queensbury

2001

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
A	Shaker	Saratoga
B	Scotia	Emma Willard
C/D	Albany Academies	Voorheesville

	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
1	Amanda O'Hearn – Shaker	Emily Emerick/Kim Paul – Shaker
2	Sara Mayer – Shaker	Julie Hoffman/Sugum Langer – Albany Academies
3	Jen Daigle – Columbia	Christina Gray/Elise Burditt - Shenendehowa