

## **COVER LETTER**

### **District 6 BOYS Tennis Championships 2026**

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
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#### **AA**

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| Singles | April 20 & 22 | April 16 |
| Doubles | April 27 & 29 | April 23 |

#### **AAA**

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| Singles | April 21 & 22 | April 16 |
| Double  | April 28 & 29 | April 23 |

#### **Team AA/ AAA**

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| Begins | May 4 | April 23 |
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Format: Best of 3 sets (format may be adjusted based on weather and indoor court availability)

**Method of Entry:** email - [priccio@altoonasd.com](mailto:priccio@altoonasd.com)

**Site:** Herb Faris Courts at Mansion Park, 3505 Oak Lane, Altoona 16602

**Tournament Director:** Phil Riccio

**Telephone Number:** Work: 946-8289 Cell: 329-2196 Fax: 946-8578

#### **Guidelines for Entry**

**Fees:** \$100.00 per team entry. \$10.00 per singles entry. \$20.00 per doubles team entry.  
**ENTRY FEE DUE BY START OF TOURNAMENT**

**Qualifying Specifications:** Open to all schools in District 6. Teams seeded by coaches at the seeding meeting

**Rating System:** Tournament draw and play will be made according to USTA Rules (PIAA modified). Best of three sets will be played. Twelve point tiebreakers will be used when the score is 6 all. Coaching will be permitted between 90 second changeovers as well as during a five-minute break between the second and third set. Players will be permitted a ten-minute warm-up period. The winner of each match should report the score to the tournament director and find out the starting time for their next match. Players whose schools do not have a tennis team may participate, but must be accompanied by a coach or a faculty member appointed by the principal. All contestants must wear appropriate tennis attire (i.e. tennis shirt with collar, a tennis skirt or shorts). Sweaters, warm-ups, and jackets will be permitted when necessitated by cold weather conditions. The first place finisher in AA, AAA and the team champion will advance to the state tournament. **Team Sites will be determined by District 6.**

## **DISTRICT 6 TEAM TOURNAMENT 2026**

**The tournament will be open to all schools in District 4/6 and will be played at sites determined by District 6. A champion will be named in both the AA and AAA championships. The winner of each classification will advance to the state tournament.**

### **Guidelines for the TEAM Tournament are as follows:**

- 1. Open to all schools in District Four/Six.**
- 2. Entry fee of \$100.00 must accompany the entry**
- 3. Teams entering will be seeded via the point system explained in your packet.**
- 4. If the lineup changes, coaches must consult the tournament director on appropriate substitutions based on the guidelines of the PIAA team tournament.**
- 5. Matches will be scheduled with the highest seeded team playing the lowest seeded team, second highest playing the second lowest, etc. Byes will be given if an uneven number of teams enter with the higher seeds receiving the byes.**
- 6. Matches will be played at the higher seeded team courts. All matches will be played outdoors. No match will be moved indoor without the approval of the tournament director.**
- 7. The format of the matches will be 3 singles and 2 doubles with no repeating of players. All matches are the best 2 out of 3 sets.**
- 8. Winning teams will receive a team trophy and individual awards for 15 team members.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Name of School \_\_\_\_\_**

**Include a copy of eligibility sheet, team lineup, and your singles ladder through your #10 player.**

**CLASSIFACATION \_\_\_\_\_**

**District 6 BOYS Tennis Singles Championship 2026**

**Names of two Singles Players**

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**SCHOOL & CLASSIFACATION**\_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fee of \$10.00 for each singles player should be forwarded with the entry form. Make checks payable to the District 6 Tennis Tournament. Any entry or check not received before that date will not be permitted to play. The seeding meeting/draw will be held at the Mansion Park, Time to be announced. Coaches are encouraged to submit information which would assist in the seeding process.**

**Mail Entry to:        Phil Riccio,  
                              Tournament Director  
                              AAHS Athletic Office  
                              6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
                              Altoona, PA 16602**

**I hereby certify that the entrants listed above are eligible to compete in the District 6/9 Boys Tennis Tournament**

**Principal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaches Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coaches E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**District 6 BOYS Doubles Championship 2026**

**Names of Two Doubles Teams**

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**SCHOOL & CLASSIFACATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fee of \$20.00 per doubles team should be forwarded with the entry form. Make checks payable to the District Six Tennis Tournament. Any entry received after that date will not be permitted to play. The seeding meeting will be held at Mansion Park Time to be announced. Coaches are encouraged to submit information which would assist in the seeding process.**

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**Coaches E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

## Coaches Notes

### Procedures for Postponement

In case of inclement weather, the tournament may be cancelled for that day and moved to the next day. If moved inside, District singles and doubles matches will be played at The Summit (946-1668). Every attempt will be made to play matches outside. All team district matches will be played outdoors. No match may be moved indoors without the approval of the District 6 Tournament Director.

### Dress Code Enforcement

**ALL PLAYERS MUST BE DRESSED PROPERLY TO ENTER THE DISTRICT 6 TOURNAMENT, SINGLES, DOUBLES, OR TEAM. PLAYERS MUST BE WEARING A TEAM ISSUED UNIFORM. WARM UPS MAY BE WORN FOR COLD WEATHER CONDITIONS. THERE IS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. THOSE NOT ADHERING TO THIS POLICY, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. DON'T BECOME THE EXAMPLE TO THIS RULE.**

### Team Tennis Rules

1. Each Team shall consist of three (3) singles players and two (2) doubles Teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles). Each Team, listing students in descending order of ability, shall establish a strength ladder line-up from 1 to 10. The first three (3) students shall play singles in the order that they are listed on the ladder line-up. Doubles Teams may be formed at the discretion of the coach from the remaining seven students with the doubles Team having the highest level of ability occupying the number 1 position and the second doubles Team occupying the number 2 position. The ladder submitted for the Team must represent the strongest line-up for that Team. No player will be eligible for a doubles Team unless they are listed on the Team's strength ladder line-up. Teams must submit their ladder line-ups at the beginning of the District Girls Team Tennis Tournament,

and that lineup shall stand throughout the entire District and Inter-District Tournaments, with the exception of authorized substitutions for illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by the appropriate Tournament Director).

2. Substitutions may be made only in case of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the Tournament Director). The school's athletic administration and/or head boys' tennis coach shall provide supporting documentation for such substitutions. An ill or injured player may be substituted for and then be reentered in the same position in the Team's strength ladder line-up, upon documented authorization from a physician. Teams are prohibited from making substitutions that would allow an ill or injured player to be moved from playing singles to doubles, and then back to singles when the ill or

**Injured player has recovered, even with a physician's documented authorization. Substitutions may be made by utilizing direct-line substitution ONLY. Substitution of both doubles partners is prohibited if only one of the two players experiences an illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstance. If a singles player is substituted for, any of the remaining seven players shall be utilized in replacing that singles player. However, the resulting three single players must play in order of ability, in accordance with their Team's strength ladder line-up. Doubles Teams do not have to be disrupted in order to replace a singles player. *Moving players around with the intent of gaining a competitive advantage is prohibited and shall subject the Team to default from the Tournament.***

**3. ALL matches will consist of the best of three (3), 12-point tiebreak sets. Players may leave the court area for five (5) minutes if they split sets. The Tournament Director reserves the right to stop a match, if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the administration of the Tournament.**

**4. Coaches and Teams must check in at the Tournament desk for the starting time of their match. Any Team failing to report for a match on time shall be subject to the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA Modified).**

**5. Teams are to begin play after a ten-minute warm-up period.**

**6. "The Code" and the Rules of Tennis, of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), shall govern all play. In addition, the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified) shall be followed.**

**7. The purposes of the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified) are to: (a) deter unsportsmanlike conduct, (b) promote compliance by all contestants with the continuous play rule, and (c) promote on-time appearance for matches. The objective of the USTA Point Penalty System (PIAA-Modified) is not to punish but to promote equal compliance by all contestants with the Rules of Tennis.**

#### **Parent Behavior**

**Please stress the following rule with your parents:**

**Parents are not permitted to make line calls from outside the fence! The calls are to be made by the players only!!! Players are to see their coaches/site manager/USTA official if they have issues with calls. The USTA umpire designated by the Site manger may be utilized to overrule bad calls. Comments made to players about calls is considered harassment and be grounds for removal from the matches.**