

## **FLINT METRO LEAGUE TENNIS**

### **BY-LAWS**

Effective July 1, 2019

1. The League match shall consist of four (4) singles and four (4) doubles.
2. Dual matches and tournament play will adhere to MHSAA Tennis Coaches Manual and U.S.T.A. rules. (i.e. substitutions, tie-breaker, ability ranking, etc.)
3. Only U.S.T.A. recommended balls will be used in dual meet and tournament play. Tennis balls will be furnished by the school hosting the tournament. The tennis balls will be the property of the host school.
4. The League schedule shall be one division and consist of a single round robin format schedule and a final single elimination League meet tournament.
5. It is important that all dual meets are completed by the Flint Metro League Tournament. Flint Metro League make-ups must supersede any contracted non-League event.
6. All players will be properly attired. Each coach is/are responsible for enforcing this rule with their athletes.
7. Both coaches (visiting and home) will be arbitrators in matters concerning rules and conduct of participants.
8. Flint Metro League Tournament:
  - a. The Boys Tournament will be Tuesday, one week prior to the Regional.
  - b. In case of inclement weather, the day following the originally scheduled day of the tournament shall be considered the make-up date for outdoor play. If unable to play on that date as well due to weather, the tournament shall be moved to an indoor site(s). The athletic director/designee of the tournament host school, the athletic director/designee of the tournament site school (if different), and the league executive director are to consult and decide on postponement and/or moving the tournament indoors.
  - c. The FML tournament criteria:
    - i. Head-to-head competition (most recent takes precedence)
    - ii. Common opponent
    - iii. Record at flight entered in tournament
  - d. At most, four teams will be seeded in each flight.
  - e. When weather and time permit the entire FML Tennis Tournament will be played at an outdoor venue.

Format: In the FML single elimination tournament, 1 point will be earned for each match won and 2 points for each match won after a bye draw.

9. Points will be awarded as follows to determine the final overall standings:
  - a. Dual Meets  
2 points for a dual meet win and 1 point for a dual meet tie
  - b. League Meet  
2 points for each team it finishes ahead of in the tournament.
10. The overall championship team (with the highest total of dual and tournament points) will receive the trophy.

All league honors will be determined by the league standings and the place in which each team finishes.  
 (I reviewed the past 10 years of results.)

| PLACE                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> TEAM   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> TEAM | Honorable Mention* |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | 6  | 6                    | 1                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | 5  | 5                    | 1                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place  | 2  | 4                    | 1                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place  | 1  | 2                    | 1                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> place  | 1  | 2                    | 1                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> place  | 1  | 1                    | 1                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> place  |  | 1                    | 1                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> place  |  | 1                    | 1                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> place  |  | 1                    | 1                  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> place |  | 1                    | 1                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> place | At this time only 10 schools have tennis. This portion will be changed |                      |                    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> place | if / when additional teams are added.                                  |                      |                    |

\* The HM selection can be an individual (singles player) or a flight (doubles team)  
 Rational – In the past, the league tournament has crowned 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> team athletes and 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> team athletes and the vast majority of these were on teams that finished in the top of the league standings. 12 ‘starters’ x 10 teams = 120; 33% for medals = 40