BIG NINE TENNIS
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. LEAGUE GUIDELINES
   A. RULES OF PLAY – The USTA official rules will govern except in cases of league rule changes. The host team’s coach will serve as the match manager and final arbiter in all questions involving rules.

   B. EXCEPTIONS TO USTA RULES –
      i. Coaches will be allowed one, one-minute time out per individual players’ match, only during an end change. In addition, a 2-minute (maximum) time out can be taken between the 1st and 2nd set, and a 10-minute (maximum) time out between the 2nd and 3rd sets. No time out may be taken during the tiebreaker since play is continuous (2/16/93)
      ii. NO OTHER COACHING BY COACHES, PARENTS OR FELLOW PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE USTA RULES.

   C. COMPOSITION OF TEAM – There shall be separate boys’ and girls’ teams to consist of ten (10) players each. Separate scoring and records for league play will be kept for boys and girls’ teams.

   D. SCORING – A match will consist of four (4) singles and three (3) doubles matches for a total of seven (7) points.

   E. FORMAT – The schedule will be round robin dual matches conducted on Tuesdays, Thursdays (1/01) and Saturdays. The weekday (1/01) matches will begin at 3:00pm before daylight savings and 4:00pm after daylight savings, . (2:00pm / 3:00pm for schools with limited courts)(03/04)Unless otherwise arranged between athletic directors of both schools. Saturday matches will begin at 10:00am. The second match will begin as soon as possible after the first match with no lunch break. As per SOP 1.4.E., JV matches on double dual days will use pro-set scoring. (1/01)
      i. The host school is responsible for adult Supervision at each match site.
      ii. The home coach will conduct an introduction of all players and give an explanation of the playing conditions and the sportsmanship penalty system.
      iii. Penalty System:
         1. First offense – point
         2. Second offense – game
         3. Third offense – match
Penalty actions are: Disruptive behavior, profanity, and disruptive display of temper, abuse of equipment, abuse of opponent or officials and stalling.

iv. JV Matches – During double duals the visiting school will bring 10 boys and 10 girls JV players to play 2 singles and 4 doubles matches. The scoring system will be an 8 game pro-set (minimum) no add, no tiebreakers.

F. WARM-UPS (9/99) –
   i. Home team – 20 minutes
   ii. Visiting team – 20 minutes
   iii. Introductions – 5 minutes
   iv. Match opponents warm up – 10 minutes

G. INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MATCHES – Players matches will be the best of three (3) sets with traditional scoring. In the event of darkness or weather, changes may be made at the agreed consent of both team’s coaches.

H. ABSENCES OR OPENINGS IN PLAYING POSITION FOR LEAGUE MATCHES – Any openings must be left at the bottom positions and ladder players must be moved up to fill the openings in the upper positions, i.e., 2 to 1, 3 to 2, second doubles to first doubles, etc.

I. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – the win-loss record in dual matches of the separate boys ‘and girls’ teams will determine League champions. Separate trophies will be awarded to the league champions.

2. DISTRICT TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

A. RULES OF PLAY – USTA rules will govern play.

B. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS – Each school will be allowed three (3) entries in singles and three (3) in doubles in boys and girls.

C. SEEDING –
   i. A modified “Burgess” system will be used for placing players in brackets. The top 2 seeds are selected; a coin is flipped for the A-1 and B-1 spots. The 3rd and 4th seeds are selected. The number 3 is placed on the #2’s half of the bracket and the number 4 are placed on the #1’s half of the bracket in C-1 and D-1 spots. A 5th seed along with a 6th (if deemed appropriate) are placed, respectively, in the E-1 and F-1 spots with no coin flip. The remaining spots (G through J) are drawn and remaining #2’s and #3’s are placed in
their identified locations. (1/01) A preliminary “pigtail” match will be played on Friday morning for entry into the main draw at the #2 match position, without the chance of a consolation match for the loser. An additional consolation match is added to accommodate the loser of match #1 and #16, since the bye was eliminated for the number one and two seeds with the addition of the eleventh team. With this system, the three entrants from a specific school can’t meet before the semifinals. The number 2 and 3 players from a specific school are in different halves of the bracket and the number 1’s from each school can’t meet in the first round. (6/02) In addition, no seeded players 5th or higher will meet prior to the 3rd round. (3/04)

1. The criteria for the seeding of players will be:
   a. The league record at the #1 position in the event
   b. The season record at the 91 position in the event
   c. The league record at any position in the event
   d. Tournament
   e. In the event of two strong teams form two different schools that are not in the 1st or 2nd position, the will be seeded 3rd and 4th for recognition which would not alter the Burgess formula. The C and D will be drawn like all others. The 3rd and 4th seeds are selected, and #4 plays 91 and #3 plays 92. (3/01) Coach’s majority decision will prevail in final seeding selections. (6/02)

2. The seeding meeting will take place on the Monday before district at the site of the Spring Sports Post Season Coaches Meeting at 6:30pm (1/01). Coaches are required to bring names of players to the seeding meeting; illness or injury or discipline will be the only legitimate reasons for substitutions. Seeded players must play in seeded position.

D. SCORING –

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NOTE: 1/2 point will be awarded to the winning team for 1st round consolation matches using the best 2 or 3 set format:
Match #1 vs. #16 L (6/02)
Match #3 L vs. #15 L
Match #2 L vs. #14 L
Match #4 L vs. #13 L
Match #5 L vs. #12 L
Match #6 L vs. #11 L
Match #7 L vs. #10 L
Match #8 L vs. #9 L (1/00)

E. FORMAT – We will use a 32-member double elimination bracket, with a pigtail into match number 2 for spots B-3 and I-3. The top four (4) entries will qualify for Regionals (6/02.)

F. AWARDS –
   i. Individual match champions will earn medals in singles and doubles for both boys and girls.
   ii. Teams will earn a trophy for first place in boys and girls.
   iii. All first place winners will receive first team all league awards, second place winners will receive second team all league awards, and third place winners will receive honorable mention all league awards.

HOSTING OF THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT (3/04)

2001 Richland 2002 Southridge 2003 Kamiakin
2004 Davis 2005 Eastmont 2006 Kennewick
2007 Walla Walla 2008 Pasco 2009 Wenatchee
2010 Eisenhower 2011 Moses Lake 2012 Richland
2013 Southridge 2014 Kamiakin 2015 Davis
BIG NINE TENNIS GUIDELINES
Modifications to USTA Rules for the
Big Nine Tournament

1. RACKET BREAKAGE - In case of racket breakage, ten minutes will be allowed to find another racket. A player with only one racket should be told to have another nearby from a friend, etc.

2. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT – USTA Table of Violations and Point Penalties:
   a. First offense – point
   b. Second offense – game
   c. Third offense – match

Penalty actions are: Disruptive behavior, profanity, and disruptive display of temper, abuse of equipment, abuse of opponent or officials, stalling.

3. COACHING, RULE 31 USTA – Coaching will be allowed as allowed by WIAA Tournament Guidelines.

4. LATENESS – After the tournament director or designee has established and recorded a court time for a match and informed both participants, lateness will evoke the following penalty:
   a. 0 – 15 minutes: no penalty
   b. 15+ minutes: default

5. PLAYBACK RULES – Playback matches should be started at the same time as the championship bracket. Matches should be played at a different site. This should be included in the operating procedures.

6. STANDARD OF CONDUCT ARTICLE 7 USTA – Certain standards should be stressed from the first day of practice, thus conditioning players as to what he/she might expect for the district tournament. Example, dress code, applauding of errors, and so forth. Dress Code: Each participant must be wearing an appropriate tennis uniform approved by the school. Cut offs or jeans are illegal. All lettering or writing on the uniform is restricted to school identification. If a violation occurs, the tournament manager or designee is empowered to disqualify the player.

7. SUBSTITUTION – After the draw has been completed, withdrawal should only be for illness, injury or personal emergency, etc. The final bracket is to be brought Friday morning (9/99) Substitution and draw must be done before the first match. Player substitute may be only of equal or lesser ability.

All players report to the court official 15 minutes prior to scheduled time and remain in the area.