

The South Carolina Independent School Association

Tennis Line-up Guidelines

The following guidelines are approved and exist to provide the procedures to clear-up any confusion or question regarding a team's line-up. Coaches are duty bound to know and follow these approved procedures.

Singles

Coaches are duty bound to play their singles participants in descending order of ability.

Singles Line-up Requirements.

1. Singles participants shall be listed in descending order of ability (1,2,3,4,5,6)
2. Challenge matches will determine this order.
3. Players shall be ranked according to their head to head competition. Each coach shall maintain a dated copy of all challenge matches including matches which established the initial ladder.
4. Challenge Matches: a player may challenge up One Position only.
5. Temporary illness or absence of any player: When a player is out, all players must move up to fill the space with any forfeits at the bottom of the lineup. When that player returns, he/she must return in their original position.
6. Once the play-offs begin, the singles ladder may not be changed.

Format of Play:

Each match will be two sets using AD scoring with a 10-point tiebreaker to decide the match if the sets are split. An 8-Game Pro-Set is permitted.

Line-up Questioned:

A coach, who questions the relative order of the opponent's lineup, may request to see the challenge records. Coaches must bring all challenge match data, as well as all previous individual and team scores, to every match. This includes the playoffs. Any challenge matches that change the line-up must be documented, dated and signed by the coach. If these records are not made available at the contest in question, the concerned coach may file a protest with SCISA. SCISA will then expect the challenged coach to present the records by email or fax. If records cannot be properly and promptly submitted, a forfeit will be imposed.

Line-up Exchange: Coaches will exchange singles line-ups 10 minutes prior to start time of the match.

Doubles

- Coaches are duty bound to play their doubles teams in descending order of ability.
- There is a 10 minute maximum between singles and doubles play, if a player is playing both singles and doubles.

Doubles Line-up Requirements.

1. First doubles team shall have a combined rank (*based on their singles rank*) which will be **lower than** that of the second team. The second doubles shall have the same in regards to the third doubles team.
2. If doubles teams have the same combined rank (using singles position), then the team with the highest ranked singles player shall play as the higher seeded doubles team.

**Note: Doubles may play an 8-Game Pro-Set Challenge Match*

Line-up Questioned:

A coach, who questions the relative order of the opponent's lineup, may request to see the challenge records. Coaches must bring all challenge match data, as well as all previous individual and team scores, to every match. This includes the playoffs. Any challenge matches that change the line-up must be documented, dated and signed by the coach. If these records are not made available at the contest in question, the concerned coach may file a protest with SCISA. SCISA will then expect the challenged coach to present the records by email or fax. If records cannot be properly and promptly submitted, a forfeit will be imposed.

Line-up Exchange: Coaches have the option to hold off announcing doubles until after singles matches have been completed, but must inform the other coach before exchanging singles. If doubles matches are announced after singles matches are completed, doubles line-ups will be exchanged simultaneously.

