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TO: OSSAA Regional Tennis Tournament Managers

FROM: David Glover, Assistant

SUBJECT: 2017 OSSAA Regional Tennis Tournament Information
Girls' Regional Tennis Tournaments – Monday, May 1, 2017
Boys, Regional Tennis Tournaments – Monday May 8, 2017

DATE: April 20, 2017

The following is a list of important items related to the regional tennis tournament you are hosting,

DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MANAGER:

- A. Notify each school assigned to your regional the location of your courts and the time and place of the coaches' seeding meeting. The seeding meeting cannot start before 8:00 a.m. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH EACH TEAM'S COACH.
- B. Provide the coaches in your regional tournament with a contact phone number in case of inclement weather conditions. Do not allow any matches to take place or continue if lightning is in the playing area. If teams have arrived at the tournament site and inclement weather stops play, try to wait out the weather and complete the tournament in one day, if possible. BE ALERT TO/OF THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CHECK WEATHER PROGRAMMING IF WEATHER APPEARS THREATENING. KNOW WHERE THE NEAREST SHELTER IS LOCATED. DO NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES.
- C. Conduct the coaches' seeding meeting. All regional tournament entry forms and updated seeding information should be brought directly to the regional tournament seeding meeting by the respective team coaches. If there is no seeding information available or there are questionable lineups, entries will be subject to protest by participating coaches. Any protest will be decided by a majority vote of the participating coaches present at the seeding meetings.
- D. TO HELP ENFORCE THE COACHING RULE, THE HEAD COACH OF EACH GIRLS' AND BOYS' TEAM ENTERED IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PLAY IS TO LIST THE NAMES OF HIS/HER COACHING STAFF AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RESPECTIVE TEAM'S REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM. THE COACHING STAFF CAN CONSIST OF A MAXIMUM OF THREE COACHES, WHICH INCLUDES THE HEAD COACH (HEAD COACH PLUS TWO ASSISTANTS). THESE LISTED COACHES WILL BE THE ONLY COACHES ALLOWED TO COACH DURING THE REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS.
- E. THE SEEDING INFORMATION CRITERIA TO BE USED AT BOTH THE REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENT SEEDING MEETINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
 - 1. Direct wins will be the first criteria used.
 - a. If there is an even split in direct matches, the most recent win will determine the seed.
 - 2. Indirect wins will be the second criteria used.
 - 3. Comparative scores will be the third criteria used.
 - a. If two players have a common opponent and one or both have played a common opponent once and/or more than once, then the best result will be compared. The common opponent's wins will be used first with the best result being compared. If no wins can be found, then use common opponent's losses. The best result shall also be compared in a loss.
 - 4. Competition will be the fourth criteria used.
 - 5. In regional tournament play, if the criteria in 1, 2, 3, and 4 does not decide the seed, the seed will be decided by a majority vote of the participating coaches present at the seeding meeting. In state tournament play, if the criteria in 1, 2, 3, and 4 does not decide the seed, the seed will be decided by the respective class Tennis Advisory Committee.
- F. Entries may be changed prior to the coaches' seeding meeting. All entries must be in the hands of the regional tournament manager prior to the beginning of the seeding meeting.

G. Remind the coaches at the regional seeding meeting of the rule on position of players:

1. The #1 singles player must be better than the #2 singles player.
2. The #1 doubles team must be better than the #2 doubles team.
3. The #1 players must play either #1 singles or #1 doubles.

H. Assign matches to courts.

I. Remind coaches each singles or doubles entry must furnish one can of new balls and give to the tournament director to distribute to the player (s). The loser will receive the used balls.

J. Award appropriate plaques and medals. Plaques and medals will be mailed to the regional tournament host schools. Please inventory mailing and notify the Activities Association if there is a shortage. Each regional tournament should receive a first place regional tournament team plaque and individual medals for the first five finishers in singles and doubles competition. **Please emphasize that even though the first five finishers will receive medals, only the top four finishers in each regional tournament will advance to the state tournament.**

K. The regional tournament manager shall immediately forward to the Activities Association names of qualifiers for the state tournament bracket. **Please make a copy of this material before you mail the originals to the Activities Association. Bring your copies to the state tournament seeding meetings. This will assure us that the needed materials will be available at the state tournament seeding meetings.**

L. Please notify the **Daily Oklahoman (800) 375-6397, raher@opubco.com** and the **Tulsa World (800) 944-7529, sports@tulsaworld.com** and other interested papers of the regional tournament results.

M. As soon as your regional tournament has concluded, email the following information to Rod Coulter, at programs@vype.com.

1. First and last name (please verify correct spelling).
2. The school State Tournament qualifier attends.
3. Grade
4. Won-loss record only at the position qualifying for at State Tournament- include regional results.

Please cooperate with Rod Coulter at Vype. He produces an outstanding State Tennis Program and your assistance will greatly aid him.

O. Review the coaching rule with coaches in seeding meeting. Coaches only may coach individual players during the break between split sets and ninety-second time allotted for change over.

Enclosed are the official brackets that are to be used for all regional tournament competition. No changes are to be made in the brackets at the regional tournament level unless weather does not allow for the playing for fifth place and below. Class 4A regional tournaments will use the sixteen-point bracket unless they have fewer than nine entries in one category. If Class 4A has eight or fewer entries, they will use the eight-point bracket. Classes 5A-6A will use the eight-point bracket unless there are more than eight entries. **Additional seeding information can be found at the bottom of each eight-point and sixteen-point bracket. The point scoring is also listed on the brackets.**

Additional regional tournament information can be found in the 2016-17 OSSAA Tennis Manual. Please review this additional material.

Remind coaches of the following: If a player qualifies for the state tournament and cannot participate because of illness, injury, graduation, academic eligibility or death in family, an alternate from the respective team's alternate list may be used. If there is no alternate listed or available, then the 5th place finisher(s) from the regional tournament event will advance to the state tournament.

The Activities Association appreciates your hosting a 2015 regional tennis tournament. Our activities programs would not be able to function without dedicated people like you.

If you have questions or need me during the tournament, please do not hesitate to call me.

(O) (405) 840-1116

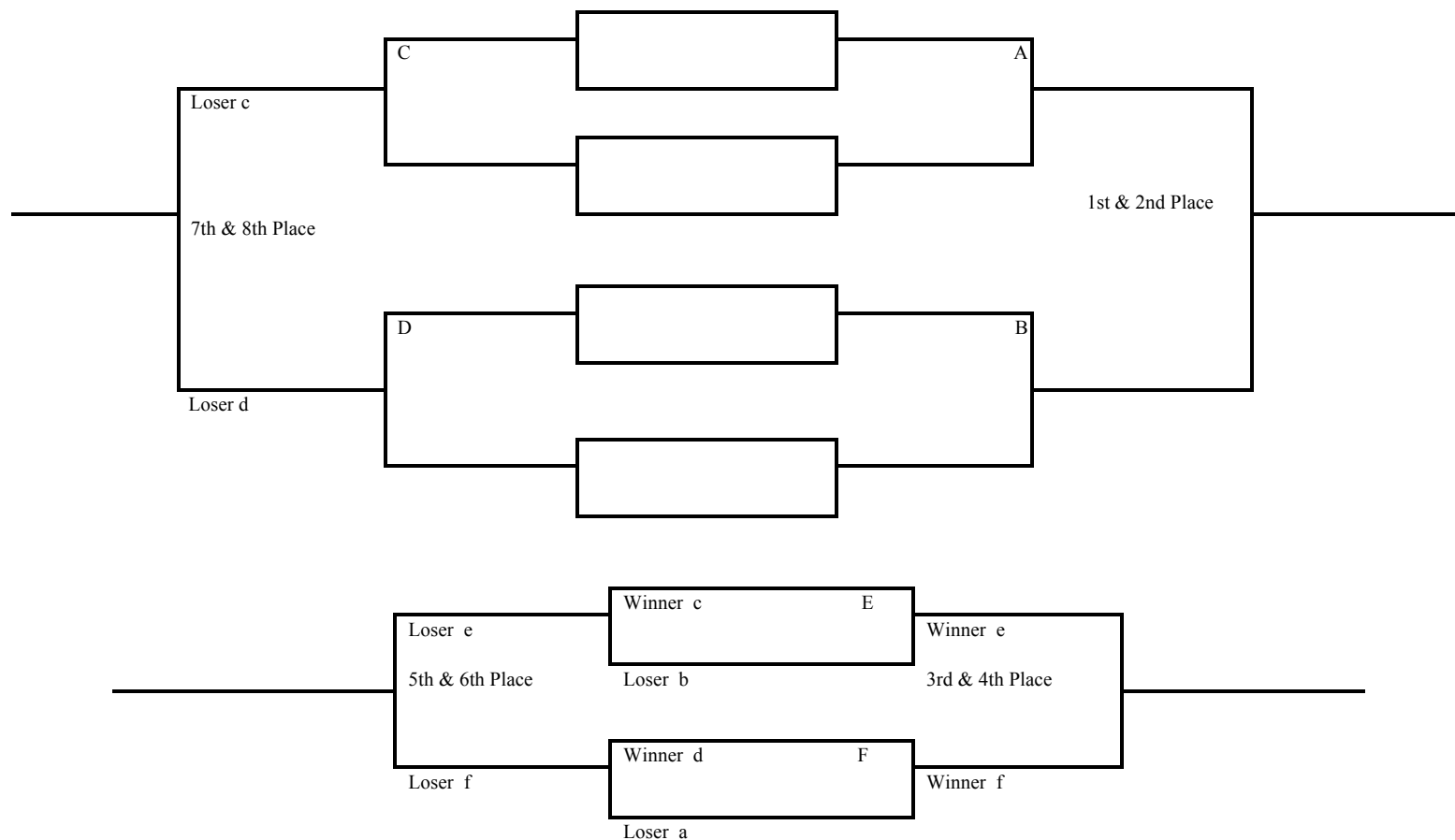
(C) (405) 213-4636

OSSAA TENNIS REGIONAL

REGIONAL SITE: _____

XIX 8-Point Bracket

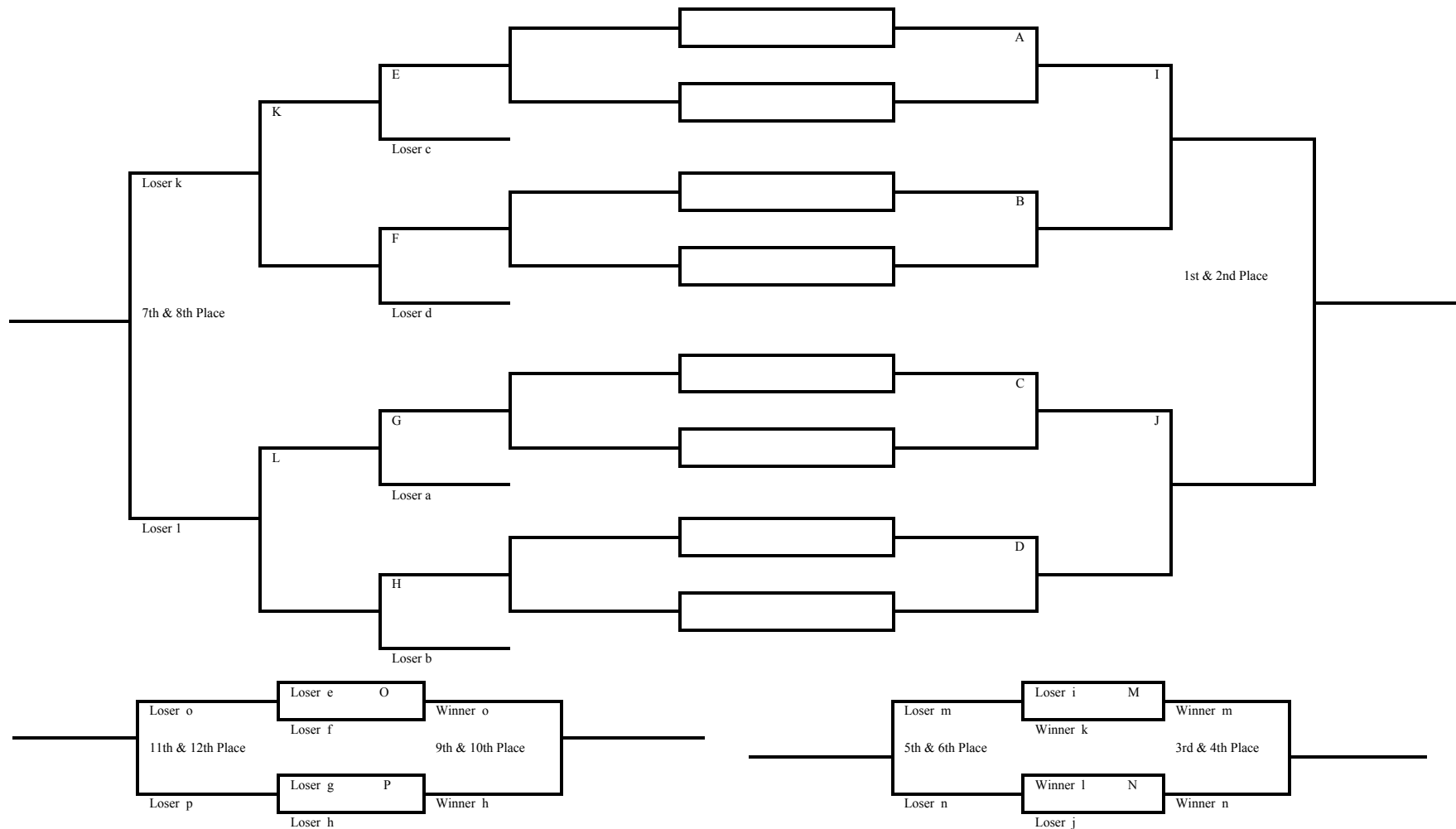
CLASS: _____
EVENT: _____



The first four seeds should be placed on the bracket as follows:

#1 seed on line one; #2 seed on line eight; #3 seed on line five; #4 seed on line four. All other entries are placed on the remaining line by using a blind draw.

Scoring: 1st-9pts; 2nd-7pts; 3rd-6pts; 4th-5pts; 5th - 4 pts; 6th-3pts; 7th-2pts; 8th-1pt.



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Byes are awarded to the seeded players in order of their seeding. If there are more than four byes they will be included in the blind draw.

Scoring: 1st-12pts; 2nd-10 pts; 3rd-9pts; 4th-8pts; 5th-7pts; 6th-6pts; 7th-5pts; 8th-4pts; 9th-3pts; 10-2pts; 11th-1pt.