

USTA New England MA High School Individual Championships

2026 Girls and Boys Tennis Packet

PLEASE READ ENTIRE PACKET: Athletic Directors and coaches are responsible for understanding the rules and regulations of the tournament. Failure to do so may jeopardize the eligibility of a player or team.

The USTA New England Massachusetts High School Individual Championships is an event that brings together Massachusetts state players with an opportunity to crown a Massachusetts state champion. The goal is to provide a challenging yet fun and electrifying postseason opportunity for players regardless of the league in which they play in MA.

Dates: May 22-25

Registration and Coach Nominations Opens: Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 12:00pm

Registration and Coach Nominations Deadline: Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 11:59pm

Selections: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Locations:

Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles Qualifying: Friday, May 22 at Babson College (not before 5:00pm)

Boys Singles and Doubles: Saturday, May 23 at Babson College

Girls Singles and Doubles: Saturday, May 23 at MIT

Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25- all matches will be held at Babson College

If a player or doubles team is not selected for the main draw, they may be selected to play in the qualifying tournament. Qualifying will be played on Friday, May 22.

In case of rain, matches will be played indoors at the Longfellow Tennis Clubs. Players will be notified via email and the tournament homepage as needed.

This is a single elimination tournament.

Team uniforms are not allowed, but players are highly encouraged to wear something that shows the name of their school or town they are representing.

Webinar: We're hosting a webinar on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. to answer all questions related to registration, nominations, and tournament logistics for coaches. Please click [here](#) to access the meeting.

USTA New England Contact Information:

Email: Tournaments@newengland.usta.com

Registration:

The deadline for coaches to nominate and players to register for the tournament is **Sunday, May 10 at 11:59pm.**

A player must be nominated by a coach and the player must register for the tournament in order to be considered for selection.

Players who register but are not nominated through their coach will not be eligible. Additionally, players who are nominated but have not registered will not be eligible.

Players- Register [here](#)

Coaches- Nominate your players [here](#)

Only players who are accepted into the tournament will be charged the registration fee. **Players will not be charged at the time of registration.**

USTA Memberships: Players must have a junior membership in order to participate. The great thing is, the Junior memberships are free, [click here](#) for more information.

Qualification Standards: Selection may be granted to any eligible player with a record of being a good sport and who follows the normal online entry process for the tournament by the entry deadline. Please use the following criteria when nominating a player(s):

Nomination Information:

Those nominated must have competed in the majority of their varsity team matches thus far in the season. The player is expected to be a consistent member of your squad, fully participating in team practices and matches.

- **Nomination Process Singles:**
 - Coaches should nominate their #1, #2, and #3 singles players to be considered for the tournament based on the following standards:
 - The #1 position should have a winning record of **70%**
 - The second position a winning record of **85%**
 - The third position has a winning record of **100%**
- **Nomination Process Doubles:** Coaches should nominate doubles teams to be considered for the tournament based on the following standards:
 - The teams nominated should have a combined winning record of **70%**.
 - Please note, those nominated must have played doubles during the season(not necessarily with the same partner)
- **Important Notes:**
 - The winning records do not result in an automatic entry into the tournaments, other factors like strength of schedule, WTN and league representation will also be considered.
 - **If your player/s don't meet the qualifying criteria, but you believe they should be considered, please nominate them and have them register. In the nomination, please explain why they should be considered.**
 - If a player or doubles team is not selected for the main draw, they may be selected to play in the qualifying tournament. Qualifying will be played on Friday, May 22.
 - Players should not be nominated or register if they are not available and willing to play the entire tournament.

Accepted Players:

- 64 boys and 64 girls will be selected into the singles tournament.
- 32 boys and 32 girls teams will be selected into the doubles tournament.

2026 Entry Fee:

- Main Draw: \$60 Singles
- Main Draw \$40 Doubles
- Qualifying Entry Fee \$15.00 Singles and Doubles
 - Players who make it to the main draw from qualifying, will be charged the main draw balance.

Tournament Director: Phil Parrish, lftennisdirector@hotmail.com

Score Format:

- Qualifying Score Format- 8 game pro sets
- Singles: Single Elimination - 2 out of 3 tiebreak sets - 10 point TB in lieu of third (ad scoring).
- Doubles: Single Elimination - 2 out of 3 tiebreak sets - 10 point TB in lieu of third (ad scoring).
- Semi finals, Finals and Third/Fourth Place playoffs will play a full third set.

Rules of Play:

Late Entries and Onsite Alternates: Tournament entries received after the published registration deadline will not be accepted.

- After the tournament draw is made, a player coming to a tournament as an onsite alternate may be accepted to replace a withdrawing player, if the replacement does not invalidate the seeding. An on-site alternate is a player who registered for the event and was not accepted in the draw; however, has checked in at the tournament and has asked to be placed in the draw if a spot becomes available.

Play to Completion Statement: All players are expected to play all scheduled matches to completion. It is considered a violation of Good Sport protocol to withdraw from any scheduled match, as other players and families may be adversely affected. A documented injury, illness or personal/family emergency are the only acceptable grounds for withdrawal.

Coaching and Supervision: This is a USTA-unsanctioned tournament. Coaching will be allowed between changeovers at the fence. Please be mindful of your Athletic Association rules regarding coaching.

Food and Beverage: Players must provide their own food and beverages at the sites. Please make sure we carry out what we carry in and leave the facility as it was found.

Students with Special Needs: Coaches are responsible for informing officials prior to each competition of any student with special needs who could be competing in the event when his/her disability could impact the individual's performance.

Good Sport Guidelines:

All players participating in USTA sanctioned events are expected to know the rules of playing a tennis match including keeping score and how to play a tiebreak, be familiar with the general rules of fair play contained in [the Code](#) and agree to abide by USTA Rules and Regulations and the "Player Promise." Players, persons who appear to

be associated with a player(including, but not limited to, parents and coaches), officials, and organizers of any tournament are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and being a good sport. They are under an obligation to avoid acts that may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis.

Player Associates Conduct - Unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct against an official, player, spectator, or other person at a tournament site by a parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player may result in that player associate being suspended from attending USTA sanctioned tournaments and events.

Responsibilities:

- **Tournament Officials:**
 - Will explain and consistently enforce expectations for spectators
 - Be enthusiastic but not show favoritism while making announcements, and never publicly question or criticize the players, coaches, or officials
 - Will encourage respect for all participants and spectators
- **Spectators:**
 - Cheer positively to support their team, and will not cheer negatively against opponents
 - Will show respect for the game officials and their decisions
- **Coaches:**
 - Exemplify high moral character, behavior, and leadership, lead by example, and set a standards for players and spectators to follow
 - Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and will not publicly criticize or question the decisions of officials
- **Players:**
 - Accept the responsibility and privilege the student-athlete has in representing their school
 - Encouraged to wear school or town apparel, in the absence of school uniforms.
 - Athletic trainers will not be provided. A request for a medical timeout may be made by a player to the Referee, Chair Umpire, or other official at any time during the match or warm-up.
 - Who may treat a player: Qualified medical person, trainer, or any person who player selects

Event Refunds for Withdrawal:

The Tournament Director shall refund a players entry fee if:

- A player withdraws before the entry deadline
- The entry is not accepted
- If a player is selected in error
- If the player did not play a match because their only opponent withdrew
- If the player plays no matches because the tournament is canceled due to inclement weather
- The Serve Tennis processing fee is non-refundable in the above instances.

Selection Committee: Will be comprised of coaches from different leagues. Each league has been asked to supply a representative to the USTA New England office who can help to get planning, administration details and tournament structure out to the coaches in the leagues.

Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering during the event, please reach out to Carolyn Bohmiller, Tournaments@newengland.usta.com, USTA New England Engagement Specialist.