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2007 NIAA NORTHERN REGION TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDIVIDUAL information is listed below)... FINAL on October 9

The 2007 NIAA Class 4A Northern Region boys & girls **team** tennis championship tournaments are scheduled to be contested **Tuesday, October 2** (boys and girls quarterfinals at host sites), **Thursday, October 4** (boys and girls semifinals at host sites) and **Tuesday, October 9** (new) with the boys final at the Lakeridge Tennis Club and the girls final at the Caughlin Club. The quarterfinal and semifinal matches will be contested at host schools (higher seeds) as indicated on the tournament bracket (see tennis home page). The finals will be contested as listed on the bracket below.

The 2007 NIAA 4A Northern Region boys & girls **individual** tennis championship tournaments (singles and doubles) are scheduled to be contested **Thursday, October 11 through Saturday, October 13** at Carson High School. Please see the INDIVIDUAL information outlined later in this packet for entry procedures, seeding meeting (Monday, Oct. 8) criteria and general schedules.

LOCATION

Please note that quarterfinal- and semifinal-round team matches will be contested at home/host sites. The region team final and the individual portion of the tournament will be contested at Carson High School (team finals may be played at the Plumas Courts, to be announced).

Carson High School is located at 1111 North Saliman Road in Carson City. The phone number to the school's main office is 283-1600. You may also contact Diane Baker-Roberts, Athletic Director at Carson High School, at 283-1608 or Lynette Canty, Athletic Secretary at Carson High School, at 283-1602. Carson High School is located off Highway 50, approximately 1.5 miles east of the 395-50 junction in downtown Carson City.

Boys & Girls TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (Final on Oct. 9)

Again, please read through to the second half of this packet for information regarding the individual portion (singles and doubles) of the tournament.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007 (brackets linked on tennis home page)

BOYS Team Competition – Quarterfinals @ Host Sites (higher seed)

- A – GALENA (#1 High Desert) **def. DOUGLAS** (#4 Sierra), **15-3**
- B – SOUTH TAHOE (#2 Sierra) **def. McQUEEN** (#3 High Desert), **12-6**
- C – BISHOP MANOGUE (#2 High Desert) **def. CARSON** (#3 Sierra), **10-8**
- D – RENO (#1 Sierra) **def. SPANISH SPRINGS** (#4 High Desert), **17-1**

GIRLS Team Competition – Quarterfinals @ Host Sites (higher seed)

- E – GALENA (#1 High Desert) **def. CARSON** (#4 Sierra), **16-2**
- F – SPANISH SPRINGS (#3 High Desert) **def. DOUGLAS** (#2 Sierra), **13-5**
- G – SOUTH TAHOE (#3 Sierra) **def. McQUEEN** (#2 High Desert), **10-8**
- H – RENO (#1 Sierra) **def. BISHOP MANOGUE** (#4 High Desert), **12-6**

** If a school is to be a double host (boys and girls), the **girls** match will start at 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007 (brackets linked on tennis home page)

BOYS Team Competition – Semifinals @ Host Sites (higher seed)

GALENA (A-winner) def. SOUTH TAHOE (B-winner), 11-7
RENO (D-winner) def. BISHOP MANOGUE (C-winner), 13-5

** If a school is to be a double host (boys and girls), the **boys** match will start at 12:00 p.m.

GIRLS Team Competition – Semifinals @ Host Sites (higher seed)

GALENA (E-winner) def. SPANISH SPRINGS (F-winner), 13-5
RENO (H-winner) def. SOUTH TAHOE (G-winner), 13-5

**** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007 ** (postponed due to weather)**

BOYS Team Final – Semifinal winners, **RENO def. GALENA, 10-8** (2:00 p.m. @ Lakeridge Tennis Club, Reno)

GIRLS Team Final – Semifinal winners, **GALENA def. RENO, 12-6** (1:00 p.m. @ Caughlin Tennis Club, Reno)

TEAM COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Team (school-issued) uniforms are required at all times during play! The penalty is in the first violation) suspension of coach for one round and (in subsequent violations) the forfeiture of a particular match.

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2. The higher seed will be the home team (and host the quarterfinals and/or semifinals accordingly). If two like seeds meet, the team on the top of the bracket (High Desert League in 2007) will be the home team.

3. An **18-point** round-robin format will be used in all regular and post-season team competitions.

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A. Each team will consist of nine (9) players - three (3) singles and three (3) doubles.

B. Both singles and doubles will play round robin. A player is NOT permitted to play both singles and doubles.

SUBSTITUTIONS ARE PERMITTED AFTER EACH ROUND. If a particular player is to re-enter the lineup after a substitution, he/she must re-enter at the same position (1, 2 or 3) that he/she started.

C. Singles players will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing singles players. One (1) point will be awarded for each set won (total of 9 points available).

D. Doubles teams will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing doubles team. One (1) point will be awarded for each set won (total of 9 points available).

E. Each set will consist of ad scoring; The USTA 12-point tie-break system will be used when the game score reaches 6-6.

F. If a tie exists at the conclusion of the team match (i.e. 9-9 team score), the teams will enter into a tie-break playoff round whereby the No. 1 singles player / doubles team of one team will play against the No. 1 singles player / doubles team of the other team, the No. 2 singles player / doubles team of one team will play against the No. 2 singles player / doubles team of the other team and the No. 3 singles player / doubles team of one team will play against the No. 3 singles player / doubles team of the other team all in a 12-point USTA tie-breaker. The team which wins a majority of the six contested tie-breakers will be the winner of the match.

F-2. If the teams split (tie 3-3) during the tie-break playoff round, the team which scored the most total points in the tie-break playoff round will be the winner of the match. If the tie still remains, the tie-breaker will continue with Step H as already listed below.

G. If the tie remains after F-2 "points won" during REGULAR-SEASON matches, the match will remain as a draw / tie.

ADDITIONAL POST-SEASON Team Tie-Breaker

H. If the tie remains after F-2 "points won" during POST-SEASON matches, the following additional tie-breakers will be used (in order to break the tie):

1. Most games won in matches contested between the #1 players (singles & doubles combined) during the (original) first round of the match. If the tie remains, continue to step H-2.

2. Most games won in matches contested between the #2 players (singles & doubles combined) during the (original) first round of the match. If the tie remains, continue to step H-3.

3. Most games won in matches contested between the #3 players (singles & doubles combined) during the (original) first round of the match. If the tie remains, continue to step I.

Example of Tie-Breaker H (as broken in Step H1 listed above):

a1. Team A's No. 1 singles player defeats Team B's No. 1 singles player by a set score of 6-3 AND Team B's No. 1 doubles team defeats Team A's No. 1 doubles team by a set score of 6-4... Team A wins the tie-breaker and the team match by virtue of Team A's No. 1 players winning the match-ups by a 10-9 margin.

I. If the tie remains after Step H has been exhausted (in order of 1, 2 and 3 to break the tie), the teams will replay (again) the first round of the match but with each individual match consisting of a 12-point set tie-breaker only. Six (6) total match points are available (i.e. one for each match) in this step.

SUBSTITUTIONS ARE PERMITTED PRIOR TO PLAYING THIS ROUND AS THEY ARE PERMITTED PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY ROUND.

J. If the tie remains (3-3 team match score after the completion of Step I), the team which won the total number of points combined in the six tie-breaking matches in Step I will win the match.

K. If the tie still remains and the match is the state championship final, both teams will be declared (co-) state champions. If the tie remains and one team must be eliminated, the home team's coach will call a side in a COIN FLIP.

NOTE: Only a school-appointed coach may instruct players during changeovers in a set.

4. Coaches will exchange lineups simultaneously. Players will start play based on the lineup as exchanged between the coaches. This will apply during the first round of round-robin play only. Play will continue thereafter as courts and opponents become available. A maximum of 10 minutes will be permitted between sets.

5. Substitutions are allowed in both singles and doubles round robin competitions after the completion of any one set. If a particular player is to re-enter the lineup after a substitution, he/she must re-enter at the same position (1, 2 or 3) that he/she started.

2007 NIAA NORTHERN REGION INDIVIDUAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS (schedule update on October 8 **)**

The 2007 NIAA Class 4A Northern Region boys & girls individual (singles and doubles) Tennis Championship tournaments are scheduled to be contested Thursday, October 11 through Saturday, October 13 at Carson High School and Centennial Park in Carson City.

TOURNAMENT BRACKETS (general brackets also linked on home page)

The NIAA will post links to the individual brackets (boys & girls, singles and doubles) back on the tennis main page once they have been determined at the coaches' seeding meeting.

LOCATION

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INDIVIDUAL (Boys & Girls) TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Please read back to the first half of this packet for information regarding the team portion of the tournament.

SEEDING MEETING -- MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007 @ Galena High School

The 2006 NIAA 4A Northern Region Tennis Championships tournament seeding meeting (for boys & girls, singles and doubles individual play only) will be held Monday, October 8, 6:00 p.m., in rooms 407 & 409 of Galena High School. ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND. Coaches should be prepared to declare their singles/doubles entries and have individuals' records on hand.

Qualifying for play in individual tournament:

Players must have played in at least 50 percent of the league matches to be eligible to participate in the regional individual tournament. Injury/Illness appeals will be voted on by coaches at the seeding meeting.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007 – Carson H.S. & Centennial Park (8 Courts at each site)

GIRLS Singles – First Round @ 2:00 p.m. at Carson H.S. (check-in at 1:30 p.m.)

BOYS Singles – First Round @ 3:00 p.m. at Centennial Park (check-in at 3:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007 – Carson H.S. & Centennial Park (8 courts at each site)

GIRLS Doubles – First Round @ 8:00 a.m. at Carson H.S. (check-in open at 7:30 a.m.)

BOYS Doubles – First Round @ 9:00 a.m. at Centennial Park (check-in open at 9:30 a.m.)

GIRLS Singles – Second Round @ 11:00 a.m. at Carson H.S. (check-in open at 11:45 a.m.)

BOYS Singles – Second Round @ 12:00 p.m. at Centennial Park (check-in open at 12:45 p.m.)

GIRLS Doubles – Second Round @ 12:30 p.m. at Carson H.S.

BOYS Doubles – Second Round @ 1:30 p.m. at Centennial Park

GIRLS Singles – Quarterfinals @ 2:00 p.m. at Carson H.S.

BOYS Singles – Quarterfinals @ 3:00 p.m. at Centennial Park

GIRLS Doubles – Quarterfinals @ 3:00 p.m. at Carson H.S.

BOYS Doubles – Quarterfinals @ 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007 – Carson High School (8 courts)

Boys & Girls, singles and doubles, Semifinals @ 9:00 a.m. (check-in open at 8:30 a.m.)

Boys & Girls, singles and doubles, Finals & Consolation @ 1:00 p.m.

The NIAA 4A Northern Regional Tennis Championships and NIAA State Tennis Championships are not USTA-sanctioned tournaments. USTA rules will apply for scoring, court behavior, game rules tardiness and default rulings as stated in the general rules and guidelines published for this tournament.

SEEDING GUIDELINES:

The objective for all coaches is fairness for all players. Seeding represents the coaches' rating of the player's chance of winning the tournament. Ratings must be justified by factual evidence such as win/loss records, head-to-head results and number of total matches played for the season. Outstanding singles players playing doubles for the first time could be considered for seeding. All coaches attending the seeding meeting recommend and vote for all seeded players.

Regular Season: Crossover matches will not count in league standings.

Playoffs: Each league will seed 8 singles/doubles teams into a "32" bracket (16 total seeds)

High Desert and Sierra Leagues, Boys & Girls

Teams 1-2 = 3 singles & 3 doubles

Teams 3-5 = 2 singles & 2 doubles

Teams 6-9 = 1 singles & 1 doubles

BYES:

The NIAA will fill all open lines on the region tournament brackets by drawing names from a pool of extra players. Coaches will be allowed to submit the name of one extra singles player / doubles team above the number of allotted slots for that team (based on the team's finish during the regular-season). It is suggested that coaches only submit an extra singles player / doubles team if he/she feel that individual(s) can compete at the region tournament level.

The singles player / doubles team will be drawn and placed on open lines of the bracket running from top to bottom, so long as the draw does not compete against a player from the same school in the first round (then the draw will be dropped to the next open line). ***The bracket will only be filled (with draws) at the seeding meeting.*** Any no-shows on the first day / round of the tournament will result in a default / forfeit.

REPLACEMENT OF A PLAYER ON THE BRACKET:

A coach may replace his/her singles player / doubles team with another player from his/her own team by notifying the tournament director at least 24 hours in advance of the start of the individual portion of the tournament in the case of injury or illness only.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION FORMAT

Qualifying for play in individual tournament:

Players must have played in at least 50 percent of the league matches to be eligible to participate in the regional individual tournament. Injury/Illness appeals will be voted on by coaches at the seeding meeting.

1. Team uniforms are required at all times during individual play! The penalty for an illegal uniform is outlined below.

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2. A best-of-three (2-out-of-3) format will be played with each set consisting of ad scoring. Regular scoring will be used from the quarterfinals on. The USTA 12-point tie-break will be used when the game score of a set reaches 6-6.

3. The top three (3) singles/doubles placers from the Northern Region qualify for the state tournament.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. *Team (school-issued) uniforms are required at all times during team and individual play.*

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2. Players must have played in at least 50 percent of the league matches to be eligible to participate in the region’s *individual* tournament. Injury/Illness appeals will be voted on by the coaches at the seeding meeting.

3. USTA rules will apply for scoring, court behavior, game rules, tardiness and default rulings unless otherwise stated in this tournament information packet. This packet is a binding document for the tournament.

NOTE: The NIAA does not have an “honest effort” rule. Any singles player / doubles team who has earned a berth in the region finals / state tournament but does not show for a first-place and/or third-place match for whatever reason will still be permitted to advance to the next stage of post-season play if qualified.

4. Playing times and court assignments will be determined by the Tournament Director.

5. Players and coaches are responsible for finding out playing times and court assignments.

6. A player shall not participate in both singles and doubles competition.

7. Every effort should be made to have the players call their own lines. If, however, a linesman is requested, he or she will be referred to as a court monitor. His/Her duties will be to rule only if requested by a player. If two court monitors are used, their duties should be agreed upon in advance and discussed with the players. If needed, head or assistant coaches of the competing teams/individuals may serve as court monitors.

8. The server should call the score prior to each point played. When playing, if the player doesn’t see the ball CLEARLY OUT and IF the player doesn’t make the call INSTANTLY, the ball is GOOD.

Players should never ask a spectator to make a call.

9. The final decision with a rule interpretation or situation affecting play will reside with the Tournament Director.

10. A 5-minute warm-up will be allowed. ALL SERVES will be taken during the warm-up.

11. A roving foot fault judge, as designated by the Tournament Director, may call foot faults on a player. If problems persist, coaches will be asked to monitor their players.

12. Coaching is allowed only on changeovers. The 90-second rule will be strictly enforced.
Coaches are allowed on the court during changeovers in 2007.

Head coaches and assistant coaches eligible to coach (offer advice) during a match will be required to display a name/coaches badge. Only one head coach and one assistant coach (two total as designated by the school) will be permitted to talk to the competitors during a match. Persons who do not have a coaches badge but offer advice will be given a warning (first offense) by an official or tournament staff member and then removed (second offense) from the facility.

Note: The home team is required to police any parenting problem(s) from the sideline.

13. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT – The first warning for unsportsmanlike conduct will be issued at the player and coach meeting(s). Swearing, racket throwing or hitting balls into the net / fence deliberately will not be tolerated. The first infraction of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a loss of one point; the second will result in the loss of one game; the third will result in a default.

As per NIAA regulation 2080, an athlete ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct in team competition will be denied participation for the remainder of the tournament, including individual singles or doubles competition.

14. Play is continuous and a player is not to leave the court. Only when a player wishes to obtain a line umpire should he/she leave the court. Players are permitted to take a 10-minute break should they split sets.

15. In the case of accidental injury, the Umpire or Tournament Director may allow a one-time, three-minute suspension for that injury. Play must resume in three minutes. An injured player may not leave the playing area.

16. The official tennis ball for NIAA post-season tournaments is the Wilson T 1001.

17. The default and tardiness rule will be enforced beginning from the designated time for the start of the match. Players are encouraged to always report on time, regardless of court availability.

Time = Sanction

0-5 minutes = Loss of one game and choice of side/serve

5:01-10 minutes = Loss of two games

10:01-15 minutes = Loss of three games

More than 15 minutes = Default of match

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18. The 12-point tie-breaker

Singles:

- a. A player who is first to win seven points shall win the game and the set provided he/she leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this two-point margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used in the tie-breaker.
- b. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point, which is delivered from the deuce court. The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points (delivered from the add court, then the deuce court) and, thereafter, each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (add court, deuce court) until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
- c. Players change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tie-break game. The player who served first in the tie-break game shall receive service in the first game of the following set.

Doubles:

- a. In doubles, the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter, each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order as previously used in the set, until the winners of the game and set have been decided.
- b. Players change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tie-break game. The doubles pair who served first in the tie-break game shall receive service in the first game of the following set.