

The Anatomy of a High School Dual Met

Call and Confirm

Contact assignment person at site A.D. or secretary the morning of event
confirm details-

Site (maybe different from school)

Competition: School "A" vs. School "B"

Match Time:

Umpire report Time: if familiar with location 30 mins. prior to match time

if first time 60 mins prior to match time

arrive in uniform, with umpire tools, trash bag

Things to do:

- ✓ locate, introduce yourself to Home coach
- ✓ ID what is happening **TODAY**, every dual met can be different
- ✓ Locate trainer and on site **AED** unit (google instruction and be familiar with standard units anyone deploying is covered by Federal good Samaritan law), trainer will take of this in 99.9% of cases
- ✓ Find out from coaches ASAP who needs taping so trainer can get started, both teams
- ✓ Indicate when and where coaches meeting will be held approx. 15 mins before contract time, actual start time may differ
- ✓ At coaches meeting challenge line up sheets **MUST** be reviewed, exchanged at the same time
- ✓ Make sure there is water is accessible for both teams
- ✓ Check courts, nets, net straps, remove debris (cans, lids, trash, old tennis balls)
- ✓ Check for match balls (odd number odd courts, even balls even number courts)
- ✓ Walk from farthest court to restroom and back to establish reasonable time
- ✓ Some conferences do 5 mins warm-ups after 30-25 practice times
- ✓ Clear courts 10 mins before (allowing for taping, last visit to restroom)
- ✓ Do team introduction

Match starts at warm-up

- Umpire speaks to players in pre-match meeting **AFTER** team line ups
- Umpire will be at net post roving net post to net post court to court
- You will make your own line calls, on your side of **YOUR** court
- I will **ONLY** overrule balls called out, if I see balls that are Good/In point of opponent
- Best of three sets, 3rd set match tiebreak
- umpires make every effort to flip coin if on court, otherwise players spin for winners choice prior to warm-up
- It is NJ law, StateSportsmanship statement is read at the team lineup, Do **NOT** vary from the written statement listed below
- Server calls scores out loud, **everyone** calls out balls out loud on their side of court
- Update score keeper before you start your change over break / sit down
- Report your scores to coach or manager
- Home team clear court of match balls unless JV players to follow
- Go to net post of last match in progress even if dual meet is determined

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Here is a variation on per-match meeting-

"Good afternoon players and coaches.

I'm a NJ state tennis official.

I'm here to monitor and help you with your matches.

I'll be covering all the courts.

If I'm not observing your court and there's a problem or a question - stop play, get my attention, and I'll come to your court.

A reminder that it's a state rule that you must call the score out loud before you serve.

Failure to do this will result in a warning the first time and a point-penalty every time after.

I expect to see good tennis and good sportsmanship."

I will now read the state's mandated sportsmanship statement and end with "Let's have a great match" before sending them on to the courts.

Sportsmanship Statement Officials will read the following statement before every NJSIAA event to all teams at all levels (No Paraphrasing):

"The NJSIAA requires officials to enforce all rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and players. There will be no tolerance for any negative behavior, such as taunting, trash-talking and verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. Such behavior will result in being ejected from this event. All participants must respect the game, respect the officials, and respect their opponents."

Instead of spinning a racket to decide who serves and who receives, we should encourage the officials to toss a coin on each court either before or during the warm-up. At the end of the match, the official should congratulate the winning coach and wish them luck in the next round (if state tournament), and wish the losing coach a good rest of the season. Then immediately leave before any parent or spectator approaches them about anything that happened during the match.

End of dual meet seek out both coaches asking for feedback, so you can do an improved job next time, if issues during dual meet exit quickly, unless coach wishes to review, inform assigner of match results allow three to four weeks payment most coming from Arbitrator, if no payment contact school