Dear Athletic Directors and Boys’ Tennis Coaches:  

The Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) will again sponsor eight-team tournaments for Division I (boys 9-12 enrollment of 161 or higher) and Division II (boys 9-12 enrollment of 160 or lower) starting on Tuesday, May 14th, with the #1 seed hosting the #8 seed, the #2 seed hosting the #7 seed, the #3 seed hosting the #6 seed and the #4 seed hosting the #5 seed. (Please note that the higher seed for quarterfinal matches, should submit financial forms within seven days of the event. Please email satterwhitedm@gmail.com with any questions. Visiting schools are responsible for the expense of traveling to the host school.) If there is a rain out, the match should be played on the next playable day. If the Tuesday match is rained out and it cannot be played on Wednesday or Thursday, the higher seeded teams will automatically advance. We will play the Division I and II semi-finals and finals on Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th, respectively, at the Collegiate School Robins Campus at 400 Blair Road, Richmond, Virginia 23238. The Division II semis will be played at 12 noon and the Division I semis will be played at 4 pm on the 17th. The Division I and II finals will be played on May 18th, with both divisions starting at 11:00 am.

The format to be used is 6 singles and 3 doubles, with repeaters permitted in the doubles matches. We will use the 10-game pro set scoring system with Ads and will use a 12-point tie-breaker at 10-all. You must announce your singles and doubles line-ups at the start of the tournament and use those line-ups for the entirety of the tournament. We will ask for line-ups and rosters to be submitted, via email, by noon on Monday, May 13th. If a player cannot play due to illness, injury or punishment, the team must move all players up one position until all singles positions are filled. A team cannot substitute for the ill/injured/punished player with a player below the #6 slot, unless it is the #6 player that is ill or injured. A #1 singles player may not play below #2 doubles and a #6 singles or lower player may not play #1 doubles.

Mike Duquette and I will again be Co-Chairing the VISAA Boys’ Tennis Committee. The other members of the Committee will be Kurt Hammerschmidt from The Steward School; Hank Harris from Episcopal High School; Rob Lee from The Potomac School; Richard Peyton from St. Christopher’s School; Paola Riccetti from Highland School; Robert Robillard from North Cross School; and Scott Winston from Virginia Episcopal School. Thank you in advance to the Committee members for their participation.

In order to rank the teams, your weekly team (not individual) results should be emailed each Friday so we may update the database and vote for the poll. The pollsters will take into consideration each school’s win-loss record, head-to-head results, results against common opponents and strength of schedule. Failure to submit weekly results may result in your team being dropped from the ranking. Division I match results should be emailed to Karin Whitt, Collegiate School at kwhitt@collegiate-va.org and Division II results should be emailed to Mike Duquette, Norfolk Academy, at mduquette@norfolkacademy.org. All State and Coach of the Year Nominations will be due, via email, on May 13th.

The rankings will be published on April 2nd, followed by April 16th, April 30th and May 7th. The final rankings will be published no later than May 12th. The top 8 teams from each Division will qualify for the VISAA State Tennis Tournament. If you no longer wish to participate in the State Tournament, please let us know as soon as possible.

We look forward to answering any questions or concerns you may have and hope that everyone has a great season.

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