



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 13 AND OCTOBER 10, 2023, MEETINGS

Informational Items: The committee modified the lineup challenge procedures and timeline, amended the advancement procedures for an incomplete match during the tournament, and decided on the alternate selection process for the fall singles and doubles pilot.

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Lineup challenge procedures and timeline.** The committee adjusted the lineup challenge procedures and timeline to allow coaches to change their lineup in accordance with ITA rules between the second round and super-regional round and between the super-regional round and the quarterfinal round at the finals site. In addition, the committee removed anonymity from the process for the coaches who submit challenges to mirror what happens during the regular season. (See Informational Item 1.)
2. **Incomplete match language.** The committee amended the advancement procedures should a match not be completed during the NCAA tournament. (See Informational Item 2.)
3. **Fall individual championships.** The committee continues to refine the details of the two-year fall singles and doubles championships pilot. (See Informational Item 3.)

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Lineup challenge procedures and timeline.** At its June annual meeting, the committee reviewed the lineup challenge procedures, form and timeline, and discussed potential changes to the process, including consistency with the regular season and no longer allowing the challenger to be anonymous. The committee agreed to do some further work before any vote.

At its September and October monthly meetings, the committee agreed to the following changes to the lineup challenge procedures and timeline:

- The coach who challenges the lineup will no longer be anonymous to the challenged coach.
- The coach who challenges the lineup will be able to see the challenged coach's lineup defense.
- The lineup challenge process will be added before the super-regional round and before the quarterfinal round at the finals site and will continue to take place before the first and second rounds. Thus, coaches can now adjust their lineup between the second round and super-regional round and between the super-regional round and the quarterfinal round, according to all lineup rules in the ITA Rulebook.

The lineup challenge timeline for the 2024 championships will be as follows:

FIRST & SECOND ROUND	
	TIMELINE
Lineup submission deadline	Sunday, April 28 - 5 p.m.
Selections announcement	Monday, April 29 - 6 p.m./6:30 p.m.
Lineups posted	Immediately after selection - 7 p.m.
Deadline for challenging lineups	Tuesday, April 30 - 5 p.m.
Written responses due from coaches who have been challenged	Wednesday, May 1 - 2 p.m.
Committee videoconference - challenge review	Wednesday, May 1 - 5-7 p.m.
Final lineups posted	Thursday, May 2 - by noon
First- and second-round competition start	Friday-Sunday, May 3-5

SUPER REGIONAL	
	TIMELINE
Super regional lineup submission deadline	Monday, May 6 - 8 a.m.
Lineups posted	Monday, May 6 - 3 p.m.
Deadline for challenging lineups	Tuesday, May 7 - 5 p.m.
Written responses due from coaches that have been challenged	Wednesday, May 8 - 2 p.m.
Committee videoconference – challenge review	Wednesday, May 8 - 5-7 p.m.
Final lineups posted	Thursday, May 9 - by noon
Super regional competition start	Friday, May 10

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	
	TIMELINE
National championship lineup submission deadline	Sunday, May 12 - 8 a.m.
Lineups posted	Sunday, May 12 - 3 p.m.
Deadline for challenging lineups	Monday, May 13 - 5 p.m.
Written responses due from coaches that have been challenged	Tuesday, May 14 - 2 p.m.
Committee videoconference – challenge review	Tuesday, May 14 - 5-7 p.m.
Final lineups posted	Wednesday, May 15 - by noon
National championship competition start	Thursday, May 16

2. **Incomplete match language.** The committee studied language from other Division I pre-championships manuals regarding advancement procedures should a round of the

championship be unable to be completed for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. While the current Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Pre-championships Manual specifies a deadline that matches must start no later than 9 a.m. the day after the last scheduled day of the second round and super regional, there is not any further direction should that not be possible. The committee agreed to the following language to be implemented into the 2023-24 pre-championships manual:

- **Second Round.** If no indoor backup is available at the site and inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances have made it impossible to complete the second-round match Sunday, second-round play must start by 9 a.m. local time Monday. The host must do everything possible, including moving to an alternate site, to complete the match. If the match still cannot be completed Monday, the Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee is authorized to advance the higher seeded team to the super regional after reviewing all actions attempted by the host to complete the match.
 - **Super Regional.** If no indoor backup is available at the site and inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances have made it impossible to complete the super-regional match Saturday, super-regional play must start by 9 a.m. local time Sunday. The host must do everything possible, including moving to an alternate site, to complete the match. If the match still cannot be completed Sunday, the Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee is authorized to advance the higher seeded team to the final site after reviewing all actions attempted by the host to complete the match.
3. **Fall singles and doubles pilot.** The committee reviewed proposals from the ITA Task Force on alternate list policies. The committee determined the following:
- **Singles alternates.** All singles players who have reached at least the round prior to the qualifying round at any qualifying pathway event are automatically added to the alternate list. Singles players will be removed from the alternate list if they reach the qualifying round at a later qualifying event. The alternate list will be ordered by ITA unpublished rankings. No prioritization would be assigned to any qualifying pathway event.
 - **Doubles alternates.** All doubles teams that have reached at least the round prior to the qualifying round at any qualifying pathway event are automatically added to an alternate list. Doubles teams will be removed from the alternate list if they reach the qualifying round at a later qualifying event. The alternate list will be ordered by ITA unpublished rankings. No prioritization will be assigned to any qualifying pathway event.

The committee will study results from fall 2023 and determine if any criteria will be added to ordering the alternate list besides ITA unpublished rankings, such as the criteria that currently

exist for singles and doubles selection (head-to-head results, results vs. common opponents, results vs. singles players in the top 60/results vs. doubles teams in the top 30).

Committee Chair: Mike Penner, The Ohio State University, Big Ten Conference
Staff Liaisons: John E. Bugner, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee September 13 and October 10, 2023, Videoconferences	
Attendees:	
Vince Baldemor, University of Hawaii, Manoa.	
Jimmy Borendame, Middle Tennessee State University.	
Kimberly Gallow, University of New Orleans.	
Sofia Hiort-Wright, Virginia Commonwealth University.	
George Husack, University of Alabama.	
Cristina Moros, University of South Florida.	
Courtney Nagle, University of Oregon.	
Mike Penner, The Ohio State University.	
Peter Pilling, Columbia University-Barnard College.	
Cathy Rossi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.	
Paul Wardlaw, University of Denver.	
Chris Young, Oklahoma State University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
John E. Bugner, Championships and Alliances.	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Antonio Cannavaro, Kerstin Hunter, Jean Merrill.	