

January 2021 New Years Doubles Bragging Rights Month

Normally every January ALL of the players in the MOHSRA Middle School and High School programs get together over one weekend and compete in the largest annual junior doubles racquetball tournament in the world, the MOHSRA Doubles Tournament, featuring nearly 350 players. This year that isn't possible.

Instead, we are calling this January "New Years Doubles Bragging Rights Month". We will have special doubles matches between rival schools to declare which school is the Doubles Bragging Rights Champion for 2021.

Here's how it works...

- **1 school versus 1 school (just like a league match)**
- **ALL MATCHES ARE SELF REFFED** just like our annual doubles tournament in order to keep things moving on time
- **All players are formed into doubles teams by their coach to play doubles against 1 opposing doubles team.**
 - Varsity teams will have 4 doubles teams
 - JV1 teams will have 3 doubles teams
 - JV2 teams will still have 2-3 doubles teams (feel free to bump up a JV3 player)
- When two schools are pitted against each other, all of their **players will compete as an entire school against the other school.**
 - For example, if Lindbergh Boys play against Chaminade
 - That's a total of at least 9 doubles matches (4 Varsity, 3 JV1, and 2 JV2)
 - Coaches rank their attending doubles teams 1-9
 - The 1s play head to head, the 7s play head to etc, Doubles Teams 1-9 all play head to head against their same seed.
 - JV3 players can be promoted to fill any necessary positions.
- **The winning school is the school that wins the majority of doubles matches.**
 - There has to be an odd number of matches
 - If both teams have players no-show, for any reason, coaches can reduce the total number of matches to a lower odd number to get everyone a chance to play.
 - Unfortunately, you cannot reduce it to an even number of matches.
 - If necessary, you can have your lowest seeded players play twice, as substitutions to ensure games for everyone attending.
- **The winning team is the 2021 New Years Doubles Bragging Rights Champion**
 - The winning coach will take a picture of their team with the Championship Banner
 - The winning **coach will recognize 1 doubles pair on his/her team as the Bragging Rights MVPs.**
 - The winning **coach will take a picture, on a racquetball court, of their MVPs holding a special 7 foot 2021 Doubles Bragging Rights Championship Banner.** The large banner size ensures social distancing between the two MVPs.
 - Please email or text Dan the picture after the conclusion of the matches, before the next group begins. **Please also text or email him the picture, the score (i.e. 5-4) and the names of the 2 MVPs.**

- **All pictures and results will be posted on our website as soon as Dan receives the text and info.**
- **Please return the banner to the front desk after the picture so it can be disinfected and sanitized prior to the next bragging rights matches.**
- We can't have tournaments but we can have great team and individual moments/recognition. We are excited to host these Bragging Rights Matches this January
- **All league guidelines still apply.** <https://www.mohsrball.com/covid-19>
- **There will still be no spectators.**
- Any questions? Contact Dan Whitley at dwhitley@vettasports.com

WHAT ABOUT JV3?

****Due to the fact that JV3 players also miss out on playing in the annual Doubles tournament, **there will be JV3 doubles play added to the schedule on Saturday, January 23rd.**

WHAT ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL?

****Due to the fact that Middle School players miss out on playing in the annual Doubles tournament, **an Olympic Format will be used as part of their State Championship to provide extra matches in February. More info coming soon.**

Listed below is the schedule for the January 2021 New Years Doubles Bragging Rights Championships!

All Matches are at Vetta Racquet Sports Concord

- **Friday, January 22**
 - 3:30-5pm -- Courts 1-10 -- Girls: Cor Jesu vs. Nerinx Hall -- Best of 11 matches
 - 5-6pm -- Courts 1-5 -- Girls: Lindbergh vs. Parkway West -- Best of 5 matches
- **Saturday, January 23**
 - 10-2:30pm -- JV3
 - 10-11:30am -- Girls JV3
 - 11:30-1pm -- Boys JV3 Group 1: includes Francis Howell, Kirkwood, Lafayette, Lindbergh, Parkway West, & SLUH-B
 - 1-2:30pm -- Boys JV3 Group 2: CBC, Chaminade, Christian, DeSmet, Vianney, & SLUH-A
 - 2:30-4pm -- Courts 1-10 -- Girls: Lafayette vs. Kirkwood -- Best of 9 matches
 - 4-6pm -- Courts 1-5 -- Boys: Lafayette vs. Parkway West -- Best of 7 matches
 - 4-6pm -- Courts 6-10 -- Boys: CBC vs. Desmet/Vianney -- Best of 7 matches
 - 6-7:30pm -- Courts 1-10 -- Boys: Chaminade vs. Lindbergh -- Best of 9 matches
 - 7:30-Close -- Courts 1-10 -- Boys: Kirkwood vs. SLUH -- Best of 19 matches
- **Friday, January 29**
 - 5-6pm -- Courts 6-10 -- Girls: St. Joes vs. Notre Dame -- Best of 7 matches
- **Tuesday, February 2**
 - 3:30-5pm -- Courts 1-10 -- Girls: Ursuline vs. Visitation -- Best of 9 matches