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1. a narrative explaining why the coach believes the player should be seeded;
2. a complete record of the player's 2007 high school season play, including the event played, names and schools of opponents, and the scores of each match.
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4. Any other results that you believe will help the seeding committee reach a fair decision. These might include, but are not limited to, results from adult tournament in the past year and results from high school play on 2006. Coaches must include both positive and negative results for their player and coaches must indicate a telephone number where they can be reached if the tournament committee has questions. The seeding information must include:
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Seeding Guidelines.

Seedings represent the Tournament Committee’s subjective ratings of the various players’ chances of winning the tournament. These ratings may not be based on whim, caprice, or hunches, but instead shall be justified by a reasonable amount of factual evidence. The Committee shall consider all available evidence, including, but not limited to, rankings, current records, types of surface and particularly head-to-head encounters. Two outstanding doubles players playing together for the first time should be considered for a place on the seeded list.

Wins, losses, and exposure shall all be considered. A strong win record is essential for a high ranking and significant wins are required for any ranking. A strong record is generally preferred over a long record. Exposure is important and should be measured by the number of good quality opponents that a player plays, rather than solely by the number of events played. Comparative scores may be considered only when records are otherwise equal. [These paragraphs are copied from the USTA’s Friend at Court publication.]

The seeding committee also shall consider wins/losses against common opponents, how recent significant wins/losses occurred, how close matches were, and whether a win/loss was at the #1 or #2 position (probably only relevant to Anchorage players).