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State Tennis Qualifiers,

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2023 IGHSAU Team Tennis State Championship! This letter contains important information on the state meet for athletes and coaches.

INDIVIDUAL PLAY SINGLES & DOUBLES

Headquarters for the State Meet will be at Byrnes Park Tennis Center in Waterloo for Class 1A and the University of Iowa Tennis Center for Class 2A. These are the respective sites for Singles and Doubles play on May 26th and May 27th. Directions will be posted on the web site.

After qualifying for the State Meet you will make your own reservations for your squad in the Waterloo/Iowa City areas. Singles and doubles regulations are found below and in the 2023 Tennis Manual. Singles and doubles play will take place on Friday May 26 and Saturday May 27. The coaches' meeting is at 9:00 a.m. with competition starting at 10:00 a.m. We would like to have all players ready for a group picture for spectators at 9:40 a.m. Please tell your spectators that this would be a time for them to take this type of picture. Consolation brackets will be used, meaning all players at the state meet will play a minimum of two matches. Consolation matches may begin earlier on the second day of the tournament (May 27) with the main draw playing at 10:00 a.m.

TEAM PLAY

Team tennis will play the first round of the tournament at sites assigned across the state on May 20th and May 22nd. The four remaining teams will play on May 30 at Waukee Northwest High School Tennis Center for Class 1A and Johnston High School Tennis Center for Class 2A. Play will start at 8:00 a.m. with the coaches' meeting at 7:30 a.m. for the final four on May 30th. Finals will be played at 2:00 p.m. or earlier if all teams have a minimum one-hour break after the conclusion of the morning semi-finals. Time sequence will be set by the Tournament Manager.

Should weather conditions require the state team or individual tennis tournament be played using indoor facilities, players should be reminded that only white, clear-soled, or non-marking tennis shoes should be worn. Players will not be permitted to participate without white, clear-soled, or non-marking shoes. All State Team matches end when a team reaches five team points.

Spectator admission of \$10 per person (school age and older) will be charged at the 2023 Individual and Team State Tennis Meets. Please take time to inform your spectators/parents that admission will be charged as stated at the State site venues. Tickets will be ONLINE ONLY- with no cash purchases available at the state site. Links to purchase tickets for both tournaments will be available on the State Tennis Tournament Central page on the IGHSAU website.

We look forward to seeing you in Waterloo, Iowa City, Waukee, and Johnston.

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State Tournament Schedule and Regulations

Singles and Doubles -- Both Classes

The IGHSAU State Tennis Tournament will be headquartered at Byrnes Park Tennis Center in Waterloo for Class 1A and the University of Iowa Tennis Center for Class 2A

The following schedule and regulations will be followed during the Tournament:

1. Coaches will be at their assigned courts on Friday, 9:00 a.m. for pre-tournament coaches meeting.
2. First round play in both singles and doubles will begin at 10:00 a.m. A consolation bracket will be played.
3. If a match goes three sets you will have ten minutes rest between second and third sets.
4. Time between matches through the quarter-finals will be set by the Tournament Manager.
5. Be sure to check with the Tournament Manager in reference to the scheduled match times. These times will be posted on the draw sheet. If a girl and **coach** is not ready to play at the scheduled time, a forfeit will be declared.
6. Only ten minutes will be allowed for warm-up. The coaches should see that this is enforced.
7. Coaches will be permitted to talk with their players briefly between sets and at the 90 second crossover.
8. Coaches and non-participating players will not be permitted inside the courts unless they are in the bleachers.
9. Please refer to the Tennis Manual for any Tournament clarification.
10. In case of rain, the Tournament will be moved to the indoor courts, however, all coaches and teams are to check in at the assigned headquarters rain or shine by 9:00 a.m.
11. Consolation bracket play will use the **no add scoring system and all consolation matches in singles, doubles and team play will use the Match Tie-Break for any 3rd set!**
12. Remind all players and coaches no electronic devices can be used on the court. This includes wearing an Apple watch. If the player is wearing an Apple Watch they must remove it when they are playing a match on the court.

State Team Championship – Both Classes

1st Round: May 20th (9:00 a.m.) / May 22nd (3:00 p.m.)

Semi-Finals/Finals: Coaches' Meeting at 7:30 a.m., play starts at 8:00 a.m., finals begin at 2:00p.m.

Class 1A: Waukee Northwest High School Tennis Complex, Waukee

Class 2A: Johnston High School Tennis Complex, Johnston

1. The consolation match will be played in team competition.
2. All Team Tennis matches end when a team scores 5 points at all levels.
3. No Add scoring for all Team Tennis play.
4. All 3rd Set play in team tennis will be Match tie-break.