

# **2023 Tennis Manual**

## **2023 TENNIS SEASON**

March 13 – May 30

## **2023 TOURNAMENT DATES**

Regional INDIVIDUAL Competition -- May 10 (May 11 weather date)

Regional TEAM -- May 13, 16, & 20/22

State INDIVIDUAL – May 26 & 27

State TEAM -- May 20/22 & May 30

## **2023 STATE TOURNAMENT SITES**

Singles/Doubles- May 26 & 27

Class 2A-- Iowa City

University of Iowa Tennis Center

Singles/Doubles- May 26 & 27

Class 1A--- Waterloo

Byrnes Park Tennis Center

Team Tennis

Class 2A and Class 1A

May 20/22- sites across the state

Class 2A Team- May 30<sup>th</sup>

Johnston High School Tennis Center, Johnston

Class 1A Team- May 30<sup>th</sup>

Waukee Northwest High School Tennis Center, Waukee

For interpretations not found in this book, contact Erin Kirtley (405-334-2547 or 515-401-1830) or email [erin@ighsau.org](mailto:erin@ighsau.org)

\*\*\*\* Indicates new or changes

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will be followed for tennis competition:

1. In dual meets and tournament play, at start of match, coaches will exchange the list of their players by position at the same time so that there will be no rearranging of players. A code of tennis ethics should be established for all coaches, so their best player competes against the best player from the other school and the second best players compete against each other and so on down the line. This same set of ethics applies to the doubles line-up. There have been some cases where coaches will play their poorest against a team's best to try to earn some points that might affect the outcome of the match. This is not in the interest of good sportsmanship or ethics for coaches. In the event of an injury, illness, retirement, or absence of a team member, coaches will move members up positions rather than substituting. Injury defaults during play should follow the time limit that is listed in this manual and an injury default/retirement will last for the remainder of the day. The injured competitor's physical well-being should be kept foremost in mind when dealing with the injury.
2. It is recommended that non-conference dual meets follow a minimum of six singles and three doubles match format per the state tournament series format. It is also recommended that the visiting school notify the home team in advance as to the number of junior varsity or reserve players who will participate.
3. In rain delays involving dual meets during the season, it is recommended that meets be continued from the point of interruption unless otherwise determined by mutual agreement of the coaches. If a dual meet begins and weather causes a suspension of play, the same players must be used when play is resumed at a later date. No substitute can be used once play has begun.
4. At the conclusion of the singles matches in dual matches, the coaches will fill out a card for their double team(s) by position and **SUBMIT TO THE OPPOSING COACH** so there is no complaint or confusion. The only restrictions are: 1) A #1 singles player, if she is to play doubles, must play in the #1 or # 2 doubles position; 2) If the #1 or # 2 singles player plays in doubles, one of the two must play on the #1 doubles team; 3) The doubles teams must be listed in position of strength with the best of three (submitted) team playing #1 and the second best playing #2. Double line-ups are not official until doubles play actually begins (warm-up).

5. The continuous play rule is now in effect in high school tennis. The rule stipulates that players will change ends without rest or the 90-second crossover coach/player conversation after the first game of a set. At the end of the first set, players may take a “set break” of no more than two minutes.

6. School coaches have an opportunity to coach their players during each 90- second changeover and during set breaks. Breaks between sets one and two are limited to 2 minutes and breaks between sets two and three are limited to 10 minutes (if you are playing full sets and not the match-break). School coaches or teammates in uniform are the only ones permitted to speak to players from the time they take the court to warm up for their match until the match is over. It is NOT PERMISSIBLE for club pros, parents, or others to speak with players during this time. If there is a violation in the regional or state competition of this rule, the player may be disqualified from further competition. This needs to be emphasized at conference meetings throughout the state. In a ten game or a twelve game Pro-Set, in dual meets, players may talk to their respective coaches or teammates in uniform at the court fence when one player has five games in a ten game set or six games in a twelve game set. Coaches must use the 90- second crossover to converse with players. No coaching may occur during the crossovers in tie-breakers.

A) Coaches do NOT need to wait for the opposing coach to be present to use a coaching opportunity.

B) The duration of the 90-second changeovers and set breaks are NOT lengthened for coaching opportunities. Players are expected to pick up their drinks and towels at the net post, if they wish to have them, and go immediately to the fence to visit with their coaches.

C) A teammate in uniform may talk to a teammate during 90-second changeovers and set breaks.

D) When players change ends at the conclusion of game #1 and during the tie-break there is no delay and no coaching opportunities exist during those times.

7. Coaches will caution players about foot faults in serving during competition. If foot-faulting does become a problem, the coach of the specific violator should discuss this with his or her player. If there is a problem with line calls, foot faults, or scorekeeping, the following procedure will be utilized:

A) Conference with both players in dual and tournament play.

B) Conference with players and both coaches in dual and tournament play.

C) In non-dual matches, appointing an appeal judge by the Tournament Manager to rule on above situations when an appeal is made by a player(s).

8. Players may not leave the playing courts in competition unless they have split sets and are playing full sets and not match-break. They may not leave in Pro-Set competition.

9. The 2023 state tournament series will include team as well as singles and doubles competition.

10. The USTA Code of Conduct allows for unsportsmanlike acts to be penalized. One warning per person per tournament or dual will be issued. The second violation by that same individual will result in expulsion from the competition. Warnings should be reported to the Tournament Director and the coach of the player who violated. Player conduct is primarily the responsibility of the coach for his or her player. Any coach of a participating school may, however, give a warning for unsportsmanlike acts. In a tournament, any coach can bring conduct violations to the attention of the tournament committee.

\*\*\*\*11. USTA rules govern this sport except where superseded in this manual. The blood rule is : **If a player is dealing with a bleeding situation they will have a maximum time of 15 minutes for the bleeding to stop. The player can take several time outs to deal with the bleeding as long as the total cumulative time from all the time outs is less than 15 minutes. Maximum total time for this rule is 15 minutes regardless of number of conditions treated during the stoppage in play. If after 15 minutes in total time the bleeding has not be stopped the player or doubles team must retire. This blood rule is separate from the medical time and muscle cramp procedure. This is like the muscle cramp rule and applies per match.**

In dealing with muscle cramps, the following procedure shall be used:

1. A) First incident---injury time out is granted of no more than five minutes.
2. B) Second incident---one-point penalty and a 90-second time out will be issued.
3. C) Third incident---game penalty and a 90-second time out will be issued.
4. D) Fourth incident---default of match.

A singles match is considered a separate match from doubles play. The cramping procedure starts over for each match in tournament/dual play. Once a match is defaulted, the player is done for the rest of the day.

12. One medical time out per match, no longer than ten (10) minutes will be allowed to evaluate and treat an injured player. This rule applies to both the regular season and tournament play. **This 10-minute time out does NOT apply to one who is regulating a pre-existing medical condition. E.g. a diabetic condition. A doctor's note for pre-existing medical condition must accompany the athlete to matches in case a question arises.**

13. It is mandatory players wear a school-approved uniform. Please remember the uniform is a reflection of your school!

14. The maximum number of dates of high school competition (grades 9-12) which a girl can play in the regular season is 12. ONE scrimmage date is allowed per school, and it must happen after the first Friday in May and before the first day of the State Singles and Doubles tournament.

15. When a player goes onto the court, all electronic devices must be turned off and not used during the match! This would include an electronic watch like an Apple Watch. The player cannot wear the Apple Watch during the match.

16. The 12-point tie-break is now called "7-point set Tie-Break" and operates as follows:  
SINGLES: If it is player A's turn to serve the 13th game, she serves the first point from the right court; player B serves points two and three starting in the left court; player A serves points four and five also starting in the left court. B serves sixth (l) and players change ends. B serves seventh (r); A serves eighth and ninth (l and r); B serves tenth and eleventh (l and r); A serves twelfth (l). The first player to win seven points wins the set at 7-6. If the points reach six-all, players change ends again and continue in the same pattern, changing ends after every six points until one player leads by two points whereupon she wins the set seven- six. They "change for one" to start the next set with player B as the first server.

DOUBLES: A-B vs. C-D. Follow the same pattern as above with partners preserving the sequence of their serving as the service alternates from team to team. A serves the first point (r); C serves points two and three (l and r); B serves points four and five (l and r); D serves point six (l) and after team changes ends, point seven (r). A serves points eight and nine (l and r); C serves points ten and eleven (l and r); B serves point twelve (l). If points reach six-all, the teams again change end and continues in the same pattern until one team gets a two-point lead. The teams "change for one" at the start of the next set with team C-D as first server.

17. A third set super tie-breaker now called "Match Tie-Break" will be played in lieu of the third set in ALL Regional/State team competition. The "Match Tie- Break" is played in the same manner as the "7-point set tie-break" (see #16) except that it continues until one competitor reaches 10 points and is ahead by two. When one player reaches 10 points and is ahead by two she wins the third set (1-0) and the match (two sets to one). A "7 point" set tie-break is to be used for all other tie-break opportunities. At this time the Coman Tie-Break procedure WILL NOT be used in IGHSAU Tournament play.

18. All coaches must report their regular season matches (including tournament play) on Bound (Varsity Bound). This will be **team** and **individual scores** for results this year. Please refer to the IGHSAU web site on policy for reporting information on Bound (Varsity Bound). Please be aware of the penalties for failure to report scores. Scores and results need to be entered each week and must be updated by Friday of each week. This will be checked by the IGHSAU each week. For questions regarding Bound (Varsity Bound) please contact Jason Eslinger, [jasoneslinger@ighsau.org](mailto:jasoneslinger@ighsau.org) or (515) 401-1836.

#### DECORUM AND CONDUCT

Each school is responsible for its own fans and players. If a coach is not able to control his or her own fans, a team or school may be subjecting itself to forfeiture. In the event a school does not fulfill its obligation, the tournament manager may take any action deemed necessary.

Except as otherwise stated herein, no pets are permitted at events sanctioned by the IGHSAU. Any persons found with pet at an event will be removed from the premises. However, this policy shall comply with the provisions of Iowa Code §216C. As such, a person with a disability or a person training an assistive animal has the right to be accompanied by a service dog or an assistive animal, under control. The person is liable for damage done to any premises or facility by a service dog or assistive animal. A "service dog" means a dog specially trained at a recognized training facility to assist a person with a disability, whether described as a service dog, guide dog, hearing dog, support dog, independence dog, or otherwise. An "assistive animal" means a simian or other animal specially trained or in the process of being trained under the auspices of a recognized training facility to assist a person with a disability.

#### ENTRY FORMS

Tournament entry forms are due by the deadlines for regional tennis tournaments listed in this Manual. Entry forms can be found in the tennis section of the IGHSAU website. Personnel to represent your school will be sent to regional Tournament Managers by using the on-line form. Make sure you notify the Regional Tournament Manager concerning how many players will be entered

from your school. It is strongly suggested each school and its competitor(s) have the intention of completing all levels of tournament play. To enter the team competition, you must provide a full complement of at least six players.

## PERSONNEL ENTRY

### SINGLES AND DOUBLES COMPETITION

Each school entered in the regional tennis tournament must send the personnel entry form to the regional Tournament Manager where they are assigned at least five days prior to the regional meet.

Each school is entitled to enter two singles and two doubles teams. A maximum total of six girls from your school may play in regional competition. A girl may not play in both singles and doubles in the individual competition.

Singles and doubles competition for individuals involve two levels of play: Regional and State. The entry blank will be placed in a sealed envelope marked REGIONAL ENTRIES. Please mark the number of entries you have for singles and doubles on the outside of the envelope. It will not be opened until the seeding meeting at the regional. At that time, any coach who wants to make a change must be present at that meeting and make the change before any envelopes are opened. If a coach comes late, the entry form which was mailed to the regional Tournament Manager will be the official entry form.

### ENTRY AND RULES FOR TEAM COMPETITION

REGIONAL LEVEL: Single elimination dual meet competition is held involving all teams assigned to the regional. When a rainout in the girls' tennis tournament series results in a rescheduled match at a new time in conflict with a boys' tennis match/site, the Unified Activities Calendar regularly scheduled event takes precedence.

\*\*\*\*1. Each team entered in team competition must provide a minimum of six players for the dual competition. **If not possible to fill all six positions with six players, play can commence with a minimum of four players with permission granted from IGHSAU prior to the start of play.** Once the match is in progress, if a team loses a player, the match can continue. **Set order of play for regional team play with singles 1-6 first then doubles to follow singles. Exceptions may be made in case of weather or court situations.**

2. No-ad scoring will be used throughout the match play for TEAM competition. This scoring system applies to regional and state team play. Use traditional scoring method (i.e. 15, 30, 40) not 1, 2, 3, 4, when announcing the score before each point. This scoring system applies to regional and state team play.

3. The continuous play rule is now in effect in high school tennis. The rule stipulates that players will change ends without rest or the 90-second crossover coach/player conversation after the first game of a set. At the end of the first set, players may take a “set break” of no more than two minutes.

School coaches have an opportunity to coach their players during each 90- second changeover and during set breaks. Breaks between sets one and two are limited to 2 minutes and break between sets two and three are limited to 3 minutes, then a ‘match tie-break’ will be used. School coaches or teammates in uniform are the only ones permitted to speak to players from the time they take the court to warm up for their match until the match is over. It is NOT PERMISSIBLE for club pros, parents, or others to speak with players during this time. If there is a violation in the regional or state competition of this rule, the player may be disqualified from further competition. This needs to be emphasized at conference meetings throughout the state. Coaches must utilize the 90-second crossover to converse with players. No coaching may occur during the crossovers in tie-break.

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C) A teammate in uniform or a certified coach may talk to an athlete during 90-second changeovers and set breaks.

D) When players change ends at the conclusion of game #1 and during the tie-break there is no delay and no coaching opportunities exist during those times.

The method of determining a state team champion is as follows:

4. All teams must submit singles and doubles line-up properly aligned- singles (one through six), and doubles (one through three). The team line-up must be e-mailed to the State Office by 4:00 p.m. the Thursday before the first round of the team tournament (May 11th). This line-up must be submitted before play begins during the first regional match. That line-up must be used by the qualifying team in all future team play. Singles to play first, followed by doubles. This line-up will be submitted by the Athletic Director and certified by them as correct. Please use the form provided on the IGHS AU website.

5. In the event of an injury, illness or absence of a team member, coaches will move team members up positions rather than substituting in singles. In doubles, a player may be substituted for that missing player, but the make-up of the doubles teams cannot be re-aligned. This team line-up must remain the same for the remainder of the day. If an injury default/retirement occurs in the competition, that competitor is disqualified for the day. A match officially begins when players commence warm-ups. For example: my #3 player is gone for the day ... the singles line-up will slide up with 4 now playing 3 and 5 playing 4 and so on with the sub taking the place of # 6 singles. The #3 player was in the number #2 doubles team so the double teams STAY the same with the sub taking the place of #3 player in #2 doubles. The double line-ups do NOT change. Once play is started and weather becomes a factor and play must be postponed, can the line-up be changed? **NO This would include a second match of a double-dual that is moved to another day, but is still a continuation of the day and the team line-up must remain the same for that second match of the day.** If questions arise, the State Office will be staffed and able to answer questions during post-season play (515-401-1830).

\*\*\*\*6. One medical time out per match, no longer than ten (10) minutes will be allowed to evaluate and treat an injured player. This rule applies to both the regular season and tournament play. **This 10-minute time out does NOT apply to one who is regulating a pre-existing medical condition, e..g. a diabetic condition. A doctor's note must accompany the athlete to matches in case a question arises. Blood Rule : If a player is dealing with a bleeding situation they will have a maximum time of 15 minutes for the bleeding to stop. The player can take several time outs to deal with the bleeding as long as the total time from all the time outs is less than 15 minutes. Maximum total time for this rule is 15 minutes, regardless of number of conditions treated during the stoppage in play. If after 15 minutes in total time the bleeding has not be stopped the player or doubles team must retire. This blood rule is separate from the medical time and muscle cramp procedure.**

\*\*\*\*7. At the conclusion of the singles matches in dual matches, the coaches will fill out a card for their double teams by position and SUBMIT TO THE OPPOSING COACH so there is no complaint or confusion. The only restrictions are: 1) A #1 singles player, if she is to play doubles, must play in the #1 or # 2 doubles position; 2) If the #1 or # 2 singles player plays in doubles, one of the two must play on the #1 doubles team; 3) The doubles teams must be listed in position of strength with the best of three (submitted) team playing #1 and the second best playing #2. **Set order of play for regional team play with singles 1-6 first then doubles to follow singles. Exceptions maybe made in case of weather or court situations.**

8. In the interest of players due to the number of matches they must play in one day, all dual match team play at the regional and state levels will use the no-ad scoring system with a seven-point tie breaker at six games all in the first two sets. If a third set is required a Match Tie-Break will be used for the third set. There will be a three-minute break after the 2nd set before the Match Tie-Break begins.

9. All competition a school faces in regional and state team play WILL BE PLAYED until one team has reached five (5) points.

10. A third set super tie-break now called Match Tie-Break will be played in lieu of the third set in ALL of regional/state team competition. The Match Tie-Break is played in the same manner as the "7-point set tie-breaker" (see #16 page 5) except that it continues until one competitor reaches 10 points and is ahead by two. When one player reaches 10 points and is ahead by two they win the third set (1-0) and the match (two sets to one). A "7 point" Set Tie-Break is to be used for all other tie-break opportunities.

11. A team must be ready to play at the appointed time or they will be defaulted. One hour is to be given for lunch break after first team match of the day.

12. If inclement weather should be a problem, there are two numbers to contact for assistance, if needed, (405) 334-2547 or (515) 401-1830. If play cannot commence at 9:00 a.m., matches will be postponed to 11:00 a.m. At that time, another decision will be made. No matches should be re-scheduled without prior approval from the IGHS AU.

STATE LEVEL: Quarter-finals, semi-finals, finals and consolation matches will be played between the eight teams advancing from each class of the Regional level. Note the state team competition will be held on Saturday/Monday, May 20/22 and the Final Four Tuesday, May 30, 2023 after the state individual championships have been decided on May 26 & 27.

1. The Quarter-final round of State team play will take place at sites across the state on May 20/22 depending on the bracket. The first round of State will be first to 5.

2. In the State Semi-finals once the winning team has accumulated five (5) team points the match is finished. The state championship and consolation team match in each class in the afternoon will be terminated once the winning team has accumulated five (5) team points. If an injury default occurs in the semi-final round of state team competition, that competitor is disqualified for the day.

3. One point will be scored for each match in the singles and doubles in team match play. It is scored like a dual meet. This scoring is for regional and state team competition.

4. Team play at the State level will be for team champion and team runner- up in each class. Consolation matches for third and fourth will be played and the no-ad method of scoring will be used for all level of play. Match Tie-Break will be used for ALL 3rd sets in ALL team matches.

#### INDOOR COURTS

\*\*\*\*Tournament play in the regional level on indoor courts is permitted with the host school (home team) making the decision to move indoors. The State Office will provide reimbursement for indoor court time at the regional level.

#### RULES GOVERNING REGIONAL SINGLES AND DOUBLES TOURNAMENT PLAY STATE QUALIFIERS

1. Regional Tournament Managers will use sixteen-line bracket systems for singles and doubles with byes or preliminary rounds where necessary. All pairings shall be made under the supervision of the Regional Tournament Manager that has been assigned by the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union Office. Coaches can recommend only their own players for seeding except all #1 players in the singles draw WILL BE considered for the #1 seed. The seeds will be made by the coaches involved with a majority vote ruling. The #1 seeded girl's name shall go on the top line of the upper bracket and the #2 seeded girl shall have her name placed on the bottom line of the lower bracket. If there is agreement on the third seed, then that name will go on the top line of the bottom bracket and the #4 seed will have her name placed on the bottom line of the top bracket. Only coaches can place their DOUBLES teams in consideration for any seed. If any byes are necessary, these byes will be assigned to the seeded players in order of seed. Unseeded players in singles will be placed in brackets drawn by lot according to alphabetical order. A girl whose last name is first alphabetically will be placed in the upper bracket on even numbered years and the other girl from the same school will be placed in the lower bracket on even numbered years. This procedure will be reversed on odd numbered years. EXAMPLE: Des Moines Hoover High School enters B.J. Mowery and Emily Dawson and they are not seeded in singles. Dawson is first alphabetically and Mowery would be second alphabetically. The same arrangement is followed for doubles pairings. EXAMPLE: Waterloo East High School enters teams of Elsie Berger and Susie Pitcher, and Suzanne Kline and Hannah Smiley. The team of Berger and Pitcher is first alphabetically.

2. A SINGLES PLAYER OR A DOUBLES TEAM WHICH COMES FROM THE SAME SCHOOL AS A SEEDED PLAYER OR DOUBLES TEAM MUST BE PLACED IN THE OPPOSITE BRACKET FROM THE SEED. TEAM MEMBERS IN SINGLES AND DOUBLES WILL NEVER BE IN THE SAME HALF OF THE DRAW.

\*\*\*3. All matches (outdoors or inside) up to the semifinals will use the no-ad scoring system with a seven-point tie breaker at six games all in the first two sets. If a third set is required a Match Tie-Break will be used for the third set. There will be a 3-minute break after the 2nd set before the Match Tie-Break begins. Starting at the Semi Finals scoring will be two-out-of-three sets, using regular scoring, with a “seven-point Set Tie-Break” on matches tied at six games apiece. All match times are set by the tournament director and time between matches will be at the discretion of the tournament director. However, a minimum of thirty minutes after their last match will be offered, unless coaches agree to shorten it.

4. The continuous play rule is now in effect with high school tennis meets. Players will change ends without rest after the first game of a set. At the end of the first set players may take a “set break” of no more than two minutes.

5. In the individual competition, semi-final losers are required to play for third place in case the winner or runner-up would not compete at the state meet. The third place winner would be the first alternate. This match is played under the no-ad format.

6. Only singles and doubles champions and runners-up in the regional tournament will advance to the state meet in singles or doubles. You cannot sub for a missing player in Doubles in the Individual Tournament. If a player cannot be at State the third place team will take the place of the doubles team or singles player that cannot be at State.

7. In ALL regional/state consolation play Singles, Doubles and Team, a Match Tie-Break will be played in lieu of the third set...see Page 5 #17.

8. In individual regional play where there is a preliminary round (before the round of 16), play will be 2 out of 3 with a match tie-break in lieu of a third set. This will only be when there is a match outside the round of 16.

9. In individual state tournament play on the first day only, if the tournament is moved indoors all rounds that were started outdoors will use the same scoring that was used outdoors. When those rounds are completed all new rounds in the main draw played indoors will use the no-ad scoring system with a seven-point tie breaker at six games all in the first two sets. If a third set is required a Match

Tie-Break will be used for the third set. There will be a 3-minute break after the 2nd set before the Match Tie-Break begins. This will be the case for main draw and consolation draw. If play goes back outdoors, the regular scoring format resumes with the next round played outdoors. This is only on the first day.

The IGHSAU is the clearinghouse for tennis results in tournament competition. Each community might suggest to their local media the importance of having these results published.

Either tournament managers or coaches of winning teams are instructed to submit scores of the match on the web site as soon as competition is completed for the day. We encourage you to use a cell phone right from the tournament site so that information can be posted on the web site as quickly as possible.

The official IGHSAU website is located at [www.ighsau.org](http://www.ighsau.org).

#### STATE QUALIFIERS

State qualifiers will be regional singles and doubles champion and runner-up in each class and will be identified on the state pairing sheet. Eight teams will qualify for the state meet in each class. Lodging at the state meet is the responsibility of the qualifying school.

#### WARM-UP FOR TOURNAMENTS

No player shall be permitted longer than ten minutes for warm-up. This ten-minute warm-up will be applicable for dual meets as well as an absolute in tournament competition. Serving practice is part of the ten-minute warm-up period.

#### STARTING TIMES FOR TOURNAMENTS

The Regional Tournament Managers will begin play by 9:00 a.m. on the day and date assigned by the IGHSAU. If there is any change in this time, the Tournament Manager must inform in writing each school, as well as the IGHSAU office, that has been assigned to his or her tournament. If preliminary rounds are to be played in singles, these matches should be started before the doubles draw is made. A team, coach, or individual must be ready to play at the appointed time or they will be defaulted.

The first round of team play in both classes is to begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp or earlier at the discretion of the Tournament Manager with the second match being played in the afternoon. If play cannot commence at 9:00 a.m., matches will be postponed to 11:00 a.m. At that time, another decision will be made. If subsequent rounds are necessary, the site, date, and time will be determined by the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union.

\*\*\*\*\*The Girls' State Tournament for individual singles and doubles play will begin at 10:00 a.m. on FRIDAY May 26, 2023 for singles and doubles competition. A meeting of players and coaches will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023. TEAM COMPETITION for the Girls' State Tournament will begin on May 20/22 at sites across the state and the Final Four at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, following an 7:30 a.m. players and coaches meeting.

## TENNIS BALLS

The state tournament series competition will use WILSON T 1071 U.S. OPEN TOURNAMENT SELECT tennis balls. This is the official ball of the tournament series. These are the balls that will be provided by the schools for dual meets in the IGHSAU tournament competition. Coaches need to be aware when purchasing this ball, the packaging has changed, but the ball remains the same.

Please note this regulation -- **Each school in team dual meet regional tournament play will provide one dozen tennis balls to be given to the host site manager prior to starting the match.** The balls should be the official ball for the IGHSAU. Last minute assignments and the day-to-day play prevent shipping procedures that would accommodate the new tournament format.

The IGHSAU will provide balls to sites established for singles and doubles competition and provide balls for state meet competition for both team and individual competition.

## STATE SEEDING METHOD AND DIRECTIONS

Each coach who has a winning singles player or winning doubles team qualifying for the state meet will have the opportunity to vote by call/zoom under the auspices of the IGHSAU and the Executive Director for the four seeds in the State Tournament.

Each coach will be asked to indicate who he or she feels should be given #1 seed, #2 seed, #3 seed, and the #4 seed. This will hold true for the winning coaches (not the runner-up) in singles and doubles play. Coaches will vote only in the area in which they have a Regional champion. Only Regional champions and the previous years' state singles finalists and intact state doubles finalists can be considered for a seed if they are a runner-up at the regional.

\*\*\*\*\*By Wednesday morning (May 17<sup>th</sup>) no later than 6:00 a.m. following the Regional individual play of the previous Wednesday, the coaches of singles and doubles champions will e-mail the qualifications of their Champion to the State Office for seeding purposes. Please use the e-mail address (erin@ighsau.org). If no information is received by 6:00 a.m. the coach of that champion will not be allowed to vote for seeding. E-mails can be sent any time after the regional individual play. Coaches of the 2A champions in singles will call/zoom in to a

number provided after your win on the previous Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. (May 17<sup>th</sup>) for a conference call/zoom so you will hear all 8 coaches give info on their player, 2A Doubles champions will call/zoom in at 7:30 a.m. for their conference call/zoom, 1A singles champion coaches will call/zoom in at 8:00 a.m. and then the 1A doubles coaches will call/zoom in at 8:30 a.m. Please follow the times stated above for your call/zoom. After the call/zoom you will then vote for the seeds via e-mail to the state office. More information on this seeding method will be given to you in writing at the regional qualifying site. It will also be placed on the web site.

This method gives coaches a role in determining the state tournament seeds, and eliminates a great deal of disagreement as to who should have the seeds.

### STATE PAIRINGS

The first seeded player goes on the top line of the upper bracket. The second- seeded player goes on the bottom line of the lower bracket. The third seeded player goes on the top line of the lower bracket and the fourth seeded player is placed on the bottom line of the top bracket. The identical method is used in the doubles team seeding. If no regional Runner-up is seeded, all unseeded players will be drawn by lot and placed in the pairings. If a regional runner-up is seeded, all unseeded champions will be drawn by lot for lines 3,5,6,11, &13. Regional runners-up will play regional winners in the first round, unless the regional runner-up is a returning state singles finalists and intact state doubles finalists then they could be seeded. Competitors from the same regional will be placed in opposite brackets. Consolation matches in singles and doubles, weather permitting and/or court availability, will be played through the quarterfinals on FRIDAY at the state level. Individual play will be through eight places. In ALL state consolation play Singles, Doubles and Team, a Match Tie-Break will be played in lieu of the third set. See Page 5 #17.

### STATE TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the individuals who are the champions and runner-ups in singles and doubles competition. Trophies will be given to the schools with the champion and runner-up in team play. Medals will be awarded from first through eighth place. Participants will receive state participation Medallions for individual and team play.

### MEETING OF TENNIS COACHES AT STATE

There will be a general meeting for all tennis coaches and players involved in the State Tournament at the State Meet site one hour before the singles and doubles tournament starts on FRIDAY. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. with play to be scheduled beginning at 10:00 a.m.

## STATE CO-ED TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A school may enter a maximum of two double tandems with a fee to be paid to the IGHSAU of \$15.00 for each entry. There is a blind draw for this tournament which will be held on Tuesday, June 6 with headquarters being Pella High School Tennis Complex (1A) and Marshalltown High School Tennis Complex (2A). To reduce delays, the draw will be made on Monday before the tournament begins. The Tennis Advisory Committee acknowledges there will still be changes, but they should be minimal. Please have entries to the State Office by 12:00 (noon) on Monday, June 5, 2023. The tournament will be classified. IF YOU PLAYED 2A DURING THE SEASON YOU ARE 2A FOR THE CO-ED AND IF YOU PLAYED 1A YOU ARE 1A. (If a school plays 1A Boys and 2A Girls then you play the upper division). If you were part of a sharing program during the season and become your own school/team for the co-ed you will play in the class that you played in when you were in the sharing program. (If a school is 2A during the season with a sharing program and they become 1A as their own school they will play 2A for the co-ed). Once the tournament begins, no more entries are allowed. Two teams from the same school will be placed in opposite brackets. There is no seeding in this tournament which is sponsored by the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Every effort will be made to start the tournament outdoors, however, in case of prolonged inclement weather, the tournament will be moved indoors. This is the only tournament of this kind in the nation! The State Co-Ed championship tournament trophy has been named the Robert B. Smiley Award after the former Associate Executive Secretary of the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union. Only current eligible 9-12 grade students may play in the tournament.

A coach must accompany the players to report match scores after each match in the state Co-Ed competition. In order for a school to have a squad(s) participating in this meet, a certified coach MUST BE PRESENT during all competition, or the school will not be able to compete. This could be a two-day tournament if we have weather concerns! All teams must have a certified coach at the site to participate.

A third set Match Tie-Break will be played in lieu of the third set in the state co-ed tournament. The Match Tie-Break is played in the same manner as the "7 point Set Tie-Break" (see #17 page 5) except that it continues until one competitor reaches 10 points and is ahead by two. When one player reaches 10 points and is ahead by two they win the third set (1-0) and the match (two sets to one). A "7 point set tie-break" is to be used for all other tie-break opportunities.

## DISCUSSION POINTS FOR PRE-MEETING WITH TENNIS COACHES AND PLAYERS FOR TOURNAMENTS AND TENNIS MEETS

The host coach should:

1. Indicate what kind of scoring will be used for the meet.
2. Discuss time outs, changeovers, breaks between sets, and the tie break procedure.
3. Review the rule regarding when coaching can take place and that only coaches, or teammates, may talk to players during a match, including set breaks.
4. Remind coaches that the coach from any school at the meet may issue a sportsmanship warning to any player.
5. Remind players and coaches to follow the 10-minute warm up period.
6. Remind players the server **MUST** announce the score before every point, loudly enough for the opponent to hear.
7. Ask players to confirm the match score on every changeover and, if score cards are being used, to change the score on every changeover.
8. Emphasize that players are calling their own lines and should not allow spectators to influence their calls. Once a player makes a call, it becomes history and we move on.
9. Remind players to avoid foot faults when serving.
10. Ask players to leave the court when their match is over. They may watch any remaining matches with the other spectators.
11. Make sure respective coaching staffs are introduced to each other prior to the start of the tournament/meet.