

May 1, 2023
AD's and Tennis Coaches-

We hope your tennis seasons are going well and that your teams are looking forward to the warmer tennis weather coming. We are excited to release our 2023 Individual Singles and Doubles Regional Assignments for the road to state! Along with these assignments, there are a few more important notes for coaches, AD's, and Regional hosts. Please read through them carefully as we prepare for postseason.

Singles and Doubles Assignments

Singles and Doubles regional play is set for Wednesday, May 10th. Please find the assignments for 1A and 2A Singles and Doubles below. These can also be found at ighsau.org

1A: <https://ighsau.org/upl/downloads/library/2023-tennis-1a-individual-singles-and-doubles-regional-assignment.pdf>

2A: <https://ighsau.org/upl/downloads/library/2023-tennis-2a-individual-singles-and-doubles-regional-assignments.pdf>

Team Assignments

The first round of team play will be played on Saturday, May 13th with all 1A teams playing that day and 32 of the 48 2A teams playing. Pairings for the team tournament will be released by May 5th.

Regional Hosts

Thank you for hosting regional play for singles and doubles. Linked below are the entry forms for singles and doubles. We also encourage you to look over the manual and regional assignments.

<https://ighsau.org/upl/wp-migration/2014/05/SinglesDoublesEntry-4.pdf>

Tennis Manual for 2023

The 2023 manual is on the IGHS AU web site. Be sure to take a moment to look at the changes and refresh yourself with the rules.

<https://ighsau.org/upl/downloads/content-blocks/2023-tennis-manual.pdf>

Coaching Ethics and Placement of Players

Please note the importance of placement of players in their dual and team tournament line-ups. The best player from the host school should compete against the best player from the opposing school, the second-best players should compete against each other and so on. Doubles teams should follow the same format. Changes in a school's line up may certainly occur due to injury, absence, or illness of a player. However, realignment of players to earn team points is not ethical and does not represent good sportsmanship. For examples and further information, please refer to Rules and Regulations on page two of the 2023 tennis manual.

Athletic Directors, please sit down with your coaches to discuss the importance of playing the correct players in the proper positions. Hold yourself and your team to the highest level of integrity to ensure fair competition.

Tennis Spectator Behavior Expectations

We continue to encourage creating a positive environment for all athletes to compete in. Spectators who display inappropriate behaviors or use offensive or degrading language will be asked to leave IGHSAU events. Please reference the Decorum and Conduct section of the 2023 tennis manual on page six.

Announcing - Score During the Match

We continue to encourage our coaches to work with their players on announcing the score before every point, loudly enough for the receiver to hear. Ask players to confirm the match score on every changeover and, if score cards are being used, to change the score on every changeover. When players do this, we have fewer issues with scoring for matches.

Introduction of Coaches

Before a match begins, be sure to introduce all coaches for each team at the match including assistants and school approved volunteer coaches. This will help to identify who should be speaking with the players on the 90 second coaching opportunity.

Please remind your players the 90 seconds starts after the point it finished, NOT when you get to their courts to talk to them. You do not have to speak to your players on every crossover.

During the 10-Point Match Tiebreak the following rules apply:

1. There is a three-minute break between the 2nd set and the 10-Point Match Tiebreak.
2. New balls are NOT given to the players for the 10-Point Match Tiebreak.
3. Play is continuous during the 10-Point Match Tiebreak and no coaching opportunities exist during the 10-Point Match Tiebreak.
4. Players change ends every six points during the 10-Point Match Tiebreak. There is to be no coaching during the crossover time.
5. The first player, or doubles team, to win ten points, by a margin of two, is declared the winner.
6. The score for the 10-Point Match Tiebreak is recorded as 1-0 (x), with the (x) being the number of points won by the loser in the Match Tiebreak.

Reporting Results for Tennis

Coaches are REQUIRED to report results weekly this year. Please try to keep up with this towards the end of the year.

Team Line-ups

Every school in the Team Tennis tournament will submit the team line-up it is going to use for the entire tournament to the IGHSAU by 4:00 p.m. May 11, 2023. This includes teams who have a bye on the 13th. You may submit your line-up to the IGHSAU by e-mailing erin@ighsau.org.

This will be the line-up you will use the entire tournament unless you have an injury or a substitute for an approved reason. In this instance, your team should follow the procedure listed in the tennis manual on page nine. THIS YEAR YOUR AD MUST SUBMIT YOUR TEAM LINE-UP USING THE FORM THAT WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE BY THE END OF THE MONTH. YOUR AD WILL VERIFY THE LINE-UP AS BEING CORRECT AND PLAYERS PLAYING IN THE PROPER POSITIONS. THIS INCLUDES DOUBLE TEAMS. YOUR AD WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT LINE-UP BEING CORRECT. AD'S--PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK THAT IT IS CORRECT FOR YOUR SCHOOL.

Tournament Format and Scoring

All matches for the entire team tennis tournament will end when a team reaches 5 points. In tournament team play, all matches are 2 out of 3 no ad scoring with the 3rd set being a 10-point match tiebreak. For the first two sets a 7-point tie-break is used.

Singles/ Doubles Regional Play - All rounds (matches) up to the semi- finals are 2 out of 3 no ad scoring with the 3rd set being a 10-point match tiebreak. For the first two sets a 7-point tie-break is used. At the semi-finals and finals traditional scoring will be used with ad.

Singles/ Doubles State Play - All matches in the main draw are 2 out of 3 with ad (traditional scoring) unless there is a weather issue then please see the manual for this change. All matches in the consolation draw are 2 out of 3 no ad scoring with a 3rd set being a 10-point match tiebreak. Please see the manual for more information on scoring for all matches.

State Co-ed Tournament

The State Co-ed tournament will be held on June 6th. Be sure to reference page 13 of the tennis manual for instructions. **Entries for the Co-ed Tournament must be into the IGHSAU by June 1st at noon.** Co-ed tennis entry forms will be available on our website on May 5th. Please note, this entry deadline is earlier than in years past.

State Meet Sites

Singles / Doubles

Class 1A Byrnes Park Tennis Center, Waterloo

Class 2A University of Iowa Tennis Center, Iowa City

State Team Tennis

Class 1A Waukee Northwest Tennis Courts, Waukee

Class 2A Johnston High School Tennis Center, Johnston

State Co-ed Sites

Class 2A Marshalltown

Class 1A Pella

Have a great spring of tennis and thank you for the work that you do for our girls!

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