

TENNIS

I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To determine the state singles, doubles, and team championships.
- B. To promote interest and to provide opportunity for wider and greater competition in tennis.
- C. To promote the highest principles of citizenship in interscholastic athletics for tennis.

II. OFFICIALS

- A. Qualified volunteers should be selected by the Sport Coordinator and Tournament Referee.
- B. The Sport Coordinator and Tournament Referee are responsible to select the umpires (student help permissible) for all matches.

III. ELIGIBILITY (SEE HHSAA HANDBOOK)

IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

- A. USTA Rules shall govern the tournament, unless modified by HHSAA. Play will be two out of three sets, with the twelve-point tie-breaker in effect.
- B. The tournament shall be a singles and doubles tournament.
- C. If at the discretion of the Protest Committee, a violation has been committed, the offending player shall be disqualified.
- D. For all matches, a ten-minute rest period is optional for either player at the end of the second set (split sets). The player(s) may leave the court.
- E. Coaching shall be permitted only during delays, split sets, and between the first and second sets.
- F. Participants must be prepared to play at least two matches each day during the preliminary rounds.
- G. Using the regular scoring system, from the first round until and including the semifinals, state tournament matches shall be two (2) out of three (3); regular scoring, 12-point tiebreaker at six (6) games all. In lieu of a third set, a 10-point tiebreaker will be used to determine a match tied at one (1) set each. In the finals and playoff for third and fourth place, matches shall be regular scoring, and two (2) out of three (3) tie-break set (play out the third set).

V. ENTRIES

- A. Tennis to use the HHSAA formula to calculate representation at HHSAA state tournament.
- B. Schools shall be limited to a maximum of four entries per event.
- C. The best participants without affiliation to any league will be seeded according to ratio as determined by the USTA (one seed for every four entries).
- D. Leagues should indicate champion, runner-up and any other information that could help the Seeding/Drawing Committee in setting the tournament brackets.
- E. Coaches should ensure full participation by all qualifiers.
- F. Entry deadline shall be seven days prior to start of the HHSAA tournament. If entry forms cannot be submitted before the deadline, all information must be provided to the HHSAA Executive Director, Sport Coordinator or Tournament Director prior to the Seeding/Drawing meeting.

- G. Substitutions will not be permitted following the Seeding/Drawing meeting.
- H. If possible, teams from the same league shall not be scheduled to play one another in the first match of the HHSAA tennis tournament.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND TIME SCHEDULE

A. Type of Tournament--Single Elimination

- 1. Girls Singles
- 2. Boys Singles
- 3. Girls Doubles
- 4. Boys Doubles

B. The tournament shall be a three-day format. The rounds of 32 and 16 shall be played on Thursday. All quarterfinal and semifinal rounds shall be played on Friday, with the quarterfinal matches to begin in the morning, with a two-hour break at the conclusion of the quarterfinal matches. Semifinal matches shall follow. All finals and third/fourth place matches shall be played on Saturday at 8:30 am. (Rev. 6/2012)

C. Whenever possible, participants should be not be scheduled for more than two matches per day beyond the second round.

D. Protest: Protest shall not be permitted later than 45 minutes after the end of the match.

E. Participants must check-in at the Tournament Desk 15 minutes prior to their matches and verify at the time that they are properly dressed in their school uniform, with doubles partners dressed identically. Singles players, if school uniforms are not available, must wear proper tennis attire. (Proper tennis attire is clothing that is normally sold at tennis pro shops, athletic sporting goods, or sportswear stores.)

F. Coaches will be allowed to talk with their players between first and second sets.

G. Team points

- 1. One point is awarded to a team for every match that is won after the bye round and one point up to the semifinals and finals of each division.
- 2. Based on the results of the semi-finals and finals in each division, team points will be awarded to place winners as follows:

1st place	Five team points
2nd place	Three team points
3rd place	Two team points
4th place	One team point

H. Tournament Site

The courts shall be selected by the HHSAA Executive Director. Sites may change at the HHSAA Executive Director's discretion.

VII. MAXIMUM SIZE OF TRAVELING TEAM

Schools may bring an unlimited number of players accompanied by authorized coaches. Names of coaches and players must be provided on the official tournament roster form.

VIII. SEEDING/DRAWING COMMITTEE

The Seeding/Drawing Committee should consist of:

- A. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson

- B. Sport Coordinator
- C. Tournament Director
- D. Tournament Referee
- E. Others as selected by the Sport Coordinator

IX. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

- A. First place trophies to the championship boys and girls teams.
- B. Second place trophies to the runner-up boys and girls teams.
- C. 12 gold medals for the championship teams.
- D. Medals:

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| 1. | Boys Singles Champion | 1 gold medal |
| 2. | Girls Singles Champion | 1 gold medal |
| 3. | Boys Singles Runner-up | 1 silver medal |
| 4. | Girls Singles Runner-up | 1 silver medal |
| 5. | Boys Doubles Champion | 2 gold medals |
| 6. | Girls Doubles Champion | 2 gold medals |
| 7. | Boys Doubles Runner-up | 2 silver medals |
| 8. | Girls Doubles Runner-up | 2 silver medals |
| 9. | Boys Singles 3rd place | 1 bronze medal |
| 10. | Boys Singles 4th place | 1 bronze medal |
| 11. | Girls Singles 3rd place | 1 bronze medal |
| 12. | Girls Singles 4th place | 1 bronze medal |
| 13. | Boys Doubles 3rd place | 2 bronze medals |
| 14. | Boys Doubles 4th place | 2 bronze medals |
| 15. | Girls Doubles 3rd place | 2 bronze medals |
| 16. | Girls Doubles 4th place | 2 bronze medals |

X. TRANSPORTATION

Schools are responsible for their own air and ground transportation.

XI. EVALUATION

The Sport Coordinator shall submit the evaluation report and tournament results to the HHSAA Executive Director.