

Utah High School Activities Association



2008 BOYS' STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

ALL REGION ENTRIES MUST BE TO THE UHSAA OFFICE BY MIDNIGHT (FAX 566-0633) THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE STATE MEET. Entries are to be submitted on-line; the online entry form is available on the Tennis Page of the UHSAA web-site or accessed directly at www.uhsaa.org/gtennis/regionentry.htm

All tournaments are single elimination.

PLAYERS ARE LIMITED to a 10 minute warm-up period the first round. Thereafter, the limit will be five minutes. Coaches must control this practice time and help the matches get started on schedule.

PLAYERS SHOULD bring their own water to the net so that leaving the court area is avoided.

THE REST PERIOD following the first set will be 2 minutes, following the second set (when a third set is necessary) the rest period is 10 minutes. Coaching but no practice is permitted during the breaks. Coaching is also permitted during game change-overs which shall be no more than 90 seconds.

ALL PRACTICE SERVES must be taken during the warm-up period.

PLAYERS WILL NOT be tracked down. Please have them report to the meet director. If they are not available ten minutes after scheduled time of match, a default may be declared.

EACH COACH MUST bring a **QUALIFIED LINESMAN** (one with previous experience). Linesmen are to register before the competition begins with the meet director and receive instructions. Requests for linesmen should be made through the meet director but no requests will be granted unless your team furnishes a linesman. It is the responsibility of each linesman to keep the meet director informed as to his/her whereabouts at all times. The Utah Tennis Association will provide roving umpires who will have authority to enforce penalties for rule infractions at any time or place.

COACHES, please keep your players and spectators informed on proper tennis etiquette. Meet directors will ask for and expect your assistance if your fans become unruly.

THE TOURNAMENT will be run under **USTA RULES and the ITCA rule which includes a point penalty for the first code violation (no warning is issued).**

TIE-BREAKER: The seven-point tie-breaker (first player to score seven points with a two point margin wins the set) will be used for all sets tied 6-6.

TEAM SCORING will be 1 point for a win in the first round and quarter-finals and 2 points for a win in the semi-finals and finals. A player who draws a bye the first round must win the next match in order to receive the point for the bye. Team point(s) are awarded to the winner in the case of a forfeit.

SUBSTITUTING PARTICIPANTS. Only the next available qualifier (or qualifiers if doubles) from region play may serve as a substitute. All substitutions must be approved in writing by the region chairperson. In the case of extreme illness, academic ineligibility, disqualification, injury or emergency a doubles player may be substituted for by that same school but said substitute must be of lesser ability and/or record. Players who choose not to participate for personal reasons may not be substituted for.

AWARDS. Trophies will be given to the first and second place teams. In case of a tie for second place, duplicate

trophies will be awarded. No second place trophy will be awarded when a tie for first place occurs. First and second place individual finishers will receive medals.

PLAYERS MUST REPORT in before each match. When both players are ready, balls and court assignments will be given. WINNER OF THE MATCH returns used balls and reports scores and court number to the meet director immediately after the end of the match.

PROPER AND FULL TENNIS UNIFORM is mandatory for all state meet participants. Teammates should wear the similar style and color of shorts and shirts although team logo designation is not required. Dress should be modest and follow proper tennis etiquette. Players not in legal uniform will be required to change or be disqualified from the tournament.

RAIN-OUT POLICY: This is an outdoor tournament, therefore, in the event of rain, suspensions and resumption of play will be invoked by meet management. If play cannot be resumed on the scheduled day, play will be postponed to the next calendar day available excluding Sunday. Because of rain delays, play may only be taken indoors for semifinals and finals in all classifications and only if indoor courts are available.

REMINDERS:

1. High school tennis players must compete in a minimum of five (5) matches during the high school season in order to compete at the region meet. This includes matches at the varsity or junior varsity level and in the singles or doubles category. The five match rule is a minimum match count that must be met during any of the fourteen (14) allowable tennis matches. Injury or special situations will be considered but must be approved by UHSAA staff prior to the student athlete participating in the region meet. The philosophy that the best player in any given category, i.e., first singles, second singles etc., is still appropriate. Stacking is not permissible and could result in UHSAA sanctions if proven.

2. Regular bracketing will be used as in other sports and no seeding meeting will be held. Pairings can be found in Tennis Section of the UHSAA Yearbook.

3. Conflicts with AP tests will not be accommodated. Athletes and coaches of athletes with conflicts should contact their counselor and/or the AP coordinator to schedule the test on the alternate testing date. This needs to be done well in advance of the testing date.

5A SCHOOLS The state tournament will be held at Liberty Park on Friday and Saturday, May 9 & 10. Contestants must assemble for instructions and court assignments at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Play will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Play on Saturday will begin at 9:00 a.m. All semi-final players (singles and doubles) must report by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday.

4A SCHOOLS The state tournament will be held at Liberty Park on Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17. Contestants must assemble for instructions and court assignments at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Play will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Play on Saturday will begin at 9:00 a.m. All semi-final players (singles and doubles) must report by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday.

3A SCHOOLS The state tournament will be held at Brigham Young University on Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17. Contestants must assemble for instructions and court assignments at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Play will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Play on Saturday will begin at 9:00 a.m. All semi-final players (singles and doubles) must report by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday.

1A-2A SCHOOLS The state tournament will be held on Saturday, May 10, at Coach Mike's Tennis Academy (1216 South Wasatch Drive, Just Southwest of Hogle Zoo). Contestants must assemble at 8:30 a.m. to receive court assignments. Play will begin at 9:00.

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