



Utah High School Activities Association 2016 Girls' State Tennis

STATE TOURNAMENT DATES & LOCATIONS

Tentative Order of Play: 1st, 2nd, 3rd singles; 1st, 2nd doubles (weather, time, facility permitting, etc.)

--Gates at Liberty Park will NOT open until 7:45 a.m. each day--

2A/1A Girls' State Tournament: Friday, September 30, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).

Contestants must assemble at **8:30 a.m.** on Friday for tournament instructions and court assignments.

5A Girls' State Tournament: Tuesday & Friday, October 4 & 7, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).

Contestants must assemble at **8:30 a.m.** on Tuesday to receive instructions, court assignments and begin play.

Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Friday to receive court assignments and begin play.

4A Girls' State Tournament: Wednesday & Friday, October 5 & 7, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).

Contestants must assemble at **8:30 a.m.** on Wednesday to receive instructions, court assignments and begin play.

Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Friday to receive court assignments and begin play.

3A Girls' State Tournament: Thursday & Friday, October 6 & 7, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).

Contestants must assemble at **8:30 a.m.** on Thursday to receive instructions, court assignments and begin play.

Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Friday to receive court assignments and begin play.

SUBMITTING RESULTS ONLINE FROM QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- Players qualify for the state tennis tournaments through state qualifying tournaments (Region or 2A/1A Division).
- The Region Tennis Chair and Tournament Director are responsible for submitting the results of their state qualifying tournaments online through the link provided on the Girls' Tennis page as soon as the tournament is completed.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- The state tournaments are single elimination tournaments.
- All matches will be two-out-of-three sets with regular scoring. A seven-point tiebreak game will be played for all sets tied at 6-6 (first player/team to score 7 points with a 2 point margin wins the game and set).
- Unless modified by UHSAA policies and guidelines, state tournaments adhere to USTA tennis rules and regulations.
- Roving Umpires from the Utah Tennis Umpires Association will be moving from court to court, monitoring play and carrying out their assigned duties. Players should follow **The Code** whether a roving umpire is present or not.

TEAM SCORING

- Team scoring for the **3A, 4A and 5A** State Tennis Tournaments will be **1-1-2-2**. One (1) point for a win in the first round and quarter-finals; two (2) points for a win in the semi-finals and finals.
- Team scoring for the **2A/1A** tennis tournament will be **1-2-2**.
- A player who draws a bye the first round must win the next match in order to receive the point for the bye. In the case of a forfeit, the team point(s) shall still be awarded to the match winner.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- The sites do not provide chairs; bleachers are limited; **fans and spectators should bring their own folding chairs.**
- Tennis is a unique sport where unnecessary noise and distractions are not allowed during play.
- Fans and spectators should remain quiet during play; cheer/applaud good shots and long rallies (not unforced errors).
- Coaches should inform players, parents, fans and spectators what is considered proper tennis etiquette.
- Parents, fans and spectators are prohibited from coaching or communicating with players during a match.
- Courtesy is the name of the game. Abusive behavior directed towards players or officials will not be tolerated.
- Coaches are responsible to manage/control any inappropriate behavior from players, parents, fans and spectators.

PROPER & FULL TENNIS UNIFORM

- Players should dress appropriately for the weather. Bring layers to keep warm.
- Proper and full team uniforms are mandatory for state tournament participants. Modest attire is expected.
- Teammates should wear similar style and color of shirts and shorts; team logo designation is not required.
- Players not in legal uniform may be required to change or be disqualified from the tournament.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLAYERS

- Report to the tournament desk on time before each match. When called, players must report immediately to the tournament desk ready to play. The on-deck players will receive their court assignments as courts become available and must be ready to play. Players should not leave the site and will not be tracked down. A default may be declared if players are not available 15 minutes after the scheduled time of match (See Point Penalty System penalties for lateness).
- Players get ten (10) minutes of warm-up the first round; five (5) minutes thereafter. Serves taken during the warm-up.
- A maximum of ninety (90) seconds are allowed during changeovers (continuous play after the 1st game of each set).
- Play shall be continuous after the 1st game of each set and during a tie-break game; no coaching.
- Two (2) minute rest period following the first set and a ten (10) minute rest period following the second set.
- New balls will be provided if a third set is necessary. Players should pick-up the new balls from the tournament desk.
- No practice is permitted during the rest period between sets.
- Match winners must return the tennis balls and immediately report their scores to the tournament desk.
- Players should bring their own water to the court so leaving the court area is avoided.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACHES

- On the first day, a mandatory **coaches' meeting** will begin ten minutes prior to the general meeting with contestants.
- Two coaching badges will be issued to each school for use during the tournament by members of the coaching staff.
- Only the two coaches wearing the UHSAA ribbons are allowed to coach and only one coach is allowed on a court.
- Coaching is permitted during rest periods between sets and during changeovers, EXCEPT after first game of each set.
- **USTA time limitations** regarding rest periods and changeovers are still in effect. USTA penalties for time violations on rest periods and changeovers will be enforced. Players must be ready to play on time to avoid penalties.
- Coaching is NOT PERMITTED during the warm-up period, during a tiebreaker or following the first game of a set.
- Control warm-up time for players (1st round 10 min, 5 min thereafter) and getting matches started on schedule.
- Schools are responsible for providing their own medical supplies and training needs. **A trainer is not available.**
- **Coaches are responsible to address inappropriate behavior from players, parents, fans and spectators.**

ROVING UMPIRES: USTA Roving Umpires cover their assigned courts in a uniform fashion unless called to a specific court to resolve a problem. If a problem arises on a court, **ONLY** the coach or the player involved may request a roving umpire. Duties of a Roving Umpire include, but are not limited to, enforcing the warm-up time and Point Penalty System, reporting any code violations, resolving scoring disputes, overruling line calls and calling foot faults.

ADHERE TO UHSAA RULES: Coaches shall adhere to the UHSAA tennis rules & regulations outlined in the UHSAA Handbook Tennis section. Players must compete in a minimum of five (5) matches during the high school season in order to compete at the state qualifying tournament. This includes matches at the varsity or junior varsity level and in the singles or doubles category. Stacking is not permissible and could result in UHSAA sanctions. Go to the UHSAA Tennis page at uhsaa.org to access the Yearbook Tennis section and additional information on the ethical placing of players.

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 and sent to the UHSAA so the change can be made on the tournament brackets. 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. Coaches may not substitute for players who choose not to participate for personal reasons. Substitutions are NOT allowed after the coaching meeting on the first day of the state tournament.

TEST CONFLICTS: Conflicts with ACT/SAT CANNOT be accommodated. Athletes should contact their counselor and the test coordinator to schedule the test on an alternate testing date. This should be done well in advance of the test.

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.

CONTINGENCY PLANS: In the event of rain, suspensions and resumption of play will be invoked by meet management. If play cannot be resumed outdoors on the scheduled day and indoor courts are not available, play will be postponed to the next calendar day available excluding Sunday.

