



UHSAA

2026 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 for players until 7:45 a.m. each day; fans at 8:00 a.m.--

6A Girls' State Tournament: Thursday & Saturday, Oct 8 & 10 at Liberty Park (1105 S Constitution Dr, SLC).

Court assignments will be made available to teams starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Players and coaches must report to the tournament desk at 8:45 a.m. both days for a player/coach meeting and to begin play promptly at 9 a.m.

8:00 AM Play in Round will be held at Brighton High School on 10/3/2026

5A Girls' State Tournament: Thursday & Saturday, Oct 1 & 3, at Liberty Park (1105 S Constitution Dr, SLC).

Court assignments will be made available to teams starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Players and coaches must report to the tournament desk at 8:45 a.m. both days for a player/coach meeting and to begin play promptly at 9 a.m.

9:00 AM Play in Round will be held at Brighton High School on 9/26/2026

4A Girls' State Tournament: Friday & Saturday, Oct 9 & 10 at Liberty Park (1105 S Constitution Dr, SLC).

Court assignments will be made available to teams starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Players and coaches must report to the tournament desk at 8:45 a.m. both days for a player/coach meeting and to begin play promptly at 9 a.m.

9:00 AM Play in Round will be held at Brighton High School on 10/08/2026

3A Girls' State Tournament: Friday & Saturday, Oct 2 & 3 at Liberty Park (1105 S Constitution Dr, SLC).

Court assignments will be made available to teams starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Players and coaches must report to the tournament desk at 8:45 a.m. both days for a player/coach meeting and to begin play promptly at 9 a.m.

9:00 AM Play in Round will be held at Brighton High School on 10/1/2026

Brighton High School Address: 2220 E Bengal Blvd, Cottonwood Heights, UT 8412-Courts are located behind Butler Middle School (about 2400 E Bengal Blvd)

SUBMITTING RESULTS ONLINE FROM QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- Players qualify and are seeded for the state tennis tournaments through the State UTR Seeding.
- Coaches are responsible for entering their respective state rosters by the deadlines. Deadlines are found at <https://uhsaa.org/calendar/?class=&sport=Tennis&gender=Girls&includePast=1>
- No matches can occur after the end of the regular season date. **This includes Region Tournaments.**
- **Players will be seeded according to their UTR. Their UTR will be compared to the UTR of all the other players in their category. Coaches are required to input their rosters by the deadline for state consideration. \$100 fine will be assessed for late entries.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- The state tournaments are single-elimination.
- All matches will be two-out-of-three sets with regular scoring. A seven-point regular tiebreak game will be played for all sets tied at 6-6 (the 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 move from court to court, monitoring play and carrying out their duties. Players should follow ***The Code*** whether a roving umpire is present or not.
- Seeding for doubles will be calculated by both players having their respective UTR scores added together, then seeded against the combined doubles score for other players.

TEAM SCORING

- Team scoring for the **3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A** State Tennis Tournaments will be **1-2-3-4-5**. Players who receive a bye to the round of 16 will automatically receive a point, while the winner of the first-round match (9-24 Play-In round) will also receive a point.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- **Patrons of the UHSAA Tennis Tournaments will be required to purchase tickets online and validate the tickets at the Liberty Park Tennis Center gates. The tickets will be an all-day pass at \$13 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors, and free for children under the age of 5. All tickets will be sold through the UHSAA GoFan portal at gofan.co/UHSAA. UHSAA passes will be accepted at the venue gate.**
- **Restrooms inside the clubhouse are for players and coaches only.** The public restrooms are outside the tickets gate on the north side of the venue.
- **Court assignment requests will not be accepted.**
- The sites do not provide chairs; bleachers are limited; **fans and spectators should bring folding chairs.**
- Fans and spectators should remain quiet during play; cheer/applaud all good shots and long rallies.
- Coaches should inform players, parents, fans, and spectators of 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 for managing/controlling inappropriate behavior from players, parents, fans, and spectators.
- Tournament staff reserve the right to require any individual to leave the premises if they don't comply with the tournament rules or policies.

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 same colors 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 the match (See Point Penalty System penalties for lateness).
- Players get ten (10) minutes of warm-up in the first round, and five (5) minutes thereafter. Serves taken during the warm-up.
- A maximum of ninety (90) seconds is 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 periods 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.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACHES

- Neither coaches nor players are allowed to request or change courts. Players must report to their assigned courts within 5 minutes or risk being penalized for being late. (SEE FAC pg 111 Point Penalty System for lateness)
- Coaches can bring non-qualifying players to the Liberty Park Tennis Center grounds. If they come, coaches will be able to sign for ticket billing at the respective sites. It is recommended that coaches buy tickets beforehand for non-competing players on GoFan.
- **A mandatory coaches' meeting will take place on Zoom prior to the play in round. (see the tennis calendar for the date)**
- Coaches are required to wear their UHSAA-issued credentials for certified coaches. **If actively coaching, coaches must also be wearing 1 of the 2 state badges that will be provided to their school on each day of the tournament.**
- Coaching is permitted during rest periods between sets and during changeovers, **EXCEPT** after the first game of each set and during a tiebreak.
- **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.
- **Coaches are responsible for addressing inappropriate behavior from players, parents, fans, and spectators.**
- **Players who are not competing in the tournament should not be entering the playing courts at any time.**
- **Continuous coaching is not allowed.**

PENALTIES FOR COACH MISCONDUCT: Roving Umpires, Site Referee and the Championship Director have the authority to address coaches' misconduct. First, a warning will be issued; if the misconduct continues the coach will lose coaching privileges for the rest of the day; if warranted, the coach will be asked to leave the championship site for the remainder of the day.

ROVING UMPIRES: USTA Roving Umpires uniformly cover their assigned courts 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 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. Visit the UHSAA Tennis page at uhsaa.org for access to the Tennis section and further details on placing players ethically.

SUBSTITUTING PARTICIPANTS: Substitutions are **NOT** allowed once the play in round of the tournament begins. Substitutions may only be made in the bracket according to a player's injury or illness preventing them from competing. The substituted player must be eligible, rostered and have a UTR that is equal to or less than the injured or ill player. Players will forfeit if they do not continue in the tournament.

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. An awards ceremony will be held after the entire classification has finished their finals matches.

CONTINGENCY PLANS: In the event of rain, or impending rain, the tournament management will decide whether to suspend or resume play. Depending on weather conditions and court availability, matches may be played on either outdoor or indoor courts. If play cannot be completed on the scheduled day, the matches will be postponed to the next available calendar day, excluding Sundays. Additionally, the number of spectators allowed may be limited by the venue. Please note that tickets will not be refunded in the event of weather delays or if matches are moved indoors.