



# UHSAA/MOUNTAIN AMERICA 2021 Boys' State Tennis

## STATE TOURNAMENT DATES & LOCATIONS

Tentative Order of Play: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> singles; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Boys' State Tournament: Thursday & Saturday, May 13 & 15, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).**

Court assignments will be made available to teams to start the day at 8:30 a.m. each day. Play will begin at 9 a.m. Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday to receive court assignments and begin play.

**5A Boys' State Tournament: Thursday & Saturday, May 20 & 22, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).**

Court assignments will be made available to teams to start the day at 8:30 a.m. each day. Play will begin at 9 a.m. Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday to receive court assignments and begin play.

**4A Boys' State Tournament: Friday & Saturday, May 14 & 15, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).**

Court assignments will be made available to teams to start the day at 8:30 a.m. each day. Play will begin at 9 a.m. Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday to receive court assignments and begin play.

**3A Boys' State Tournament: Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).**

Court assignments will be made available to teams to start the day at 8:30 a.m. each day. Play will begin at 9 a.m. Semi-final players must report at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday to receive court assignments and begin play.

## SUBMITTING RESULTS ONLINE FROM QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- Players qualify for the state tennis tournaments through state qualifying region tournaments.
- 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.
- 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 (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, 5A, and 6A** State Tennis Tournaments will be **1-1-2-2**. One (1) point for each win in the first round and quarterfinals; two (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. In the case of a forfeit, the team point(s) shall still be awarded to the match winner.

## 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 \$10 for adults, \$5 for students/seniors and free for children under the age of 5. To assist with contact tracing, tickets are strongly encouraged to be bought online through the GoFan links at uhsaa.org. UHSAA passes will be accepted at the venue gate, which will be located on the northwest side of the venue.
- It will be required for all spectators, coaches, officials, tournament personnel and student-athletes WHEN NOT competing to wear masks inside the Liberty Park Tennis Center. Not wearing a mask could be considered grounds for removal from the facility. Fans will be required to wear masks at all times inside the facility. Social distancing is also encouraged in all circumstances. Players may remove their masks once they are on the court. Coaches will be required to wear masks whether on-or-off the court.
- Restrooms inside the club house are for players-and-coaches only. The public is encouraged to use portable restrooms on the south side of the venue.
- The sites do not provide chairs; bleachers are limited; **fans and spectators should bring their own folding chairs.**
- Fans and spectators should remain quiet during play; cheer/applaud all good shots and long rallies (not unforced errors).

- Coaches should inform players, parents, fans and spectators what is considered proper tennis etiquette. Coaches will also be encouraged to remind fans of the COVID-19 mitigation efforts.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> game of each set).
- Play shall be continuous after the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Players should also set up their bag and personal effects on opposite sides of the court to assist in social distancing.**
- **Players are allowed to wear gloves on their hands to assist with COVID-19 mitigation efforts.**
- **Restrooms inside the clubhouse are for players and coaches only.**

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACHES

- Coaches are **encouraged to NOT** bring non-qualifying players to the Liberty Park Tennis Center grounds.
- **A mandatory coaches' meeting will take place the week of the state tournament on Zoom.**
- Two coaching badges will be issued to each school for use during the tournament by members of the coaching staff.
- Only two coaches wearing the UHSAA ribbons are allowed to coach and only one coach is allowed on court at a time.
- 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 (1<sup>st</sup> round 10 min, 5 min thereafter) and getting matches started on schedule.
- Schools are responsible for providing their own medical supplies and training needs.
- **Coaches are responsible to address 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.**
- **Teams will enter the venue in the Pro Shop gate entrance in the mid part of the Liberty Park Tennis Center.**

**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](http://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 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.**

**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. Additional information will be relayed to coaches concerning the awards ceremony in the online coaches meeting.

**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. Additionally, fans could not be allowed if the allowance of fans is not allowed by local health officials. **Tickets will not be refunded in the case of weather delays or moving indoors.**