



## Guidelines for Seeding State Qualifying Tournaments

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Each region (3A-5A) and division (2A/1A) shall hold seeding meetings. The purpose of the seeding meeting is to accurately select and seed the individual players that will compete in the state qualifying tournament. This shall be accomplished through the collective efforts of all head coaches working together for a common goal.

### Guidelines for Seeding State Qualifying Tournaments:

1. The Region Tennis Chair or Division Tournament Director has the responsibility to conduct the seeding meeting. The Region Chair should bring the empty brackets to be completed during the seeding meeting. Regions are encouraged to use the "True Fourth" bracket at their state qualifying tournaments.
2. Each head coach shall bring their region/division dual results, the name of the player(s) they will submit for each of the five positions and the player's grade, and their individual win-loss record at the position.
3. At the seeding meeting, coaches have the responsibility to accurately and fairly seed each of the five brackets according to the individual player's region/division record at that position. Along with the individual player(s) region/division record at that position, coaches may consider the players' skill level, ability to win the tournament and any other seeding criteria agreed upon by the coaches involved.
  - A. If the win-loss record is tied, look at the # of sets won at position by each school
  - B. If there is still a tie, look at the # of games won at that position by each school.
4. The Region Tennis Chair shall ask each head coach for the name of the player(s) for the position being seeded (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Singles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles), along with their region/division record at that position. Once all of the players' names, position records and pertinent info has been submitted, coaches discuss the seeding of the individual players involved in the particular position or bracket being seeded.
  - A. The "win" record of the player should determine who is best in a region with two exceptions.
    - i. When a tie occurs (i.e. two players having 4 wins such as one 4-2 and another 4-0) the win is determined by head-to-head competition and if needed a comparison of scores against a pre-selected neutral opponent OR a look at total games won.
    - ii. The second exception would be if the #1 seeded player/coach declines this position because he/she knows another qualifying player has significantly more skill than his/her player (This acknowledgement and "giving up" of the #1 seed will avoid a highly ranked player from taking a 4th seed and eliminating a 1st seed from competition in the 2nd rd.)
  - B. Any coach can challenge a decision and after discussion the Region Chair can call for a vote.
  - C. In extenuating circumstances (i.e. returning injured top ranked player) a coach may decline their higher seed to move a more highly skilled player into that position.