



## 2015-16 Girls' Tennis *Sportsmanship Matters*

### **2015 Girls' Tennis Dates & Deadlines (Available under the Calendar tab)**

Thursday	July 31	UHSAA Online Tennis Rules Clinic Available
Monday	August 3	Beginning Practice & Team Selection (no coaching or drills two weeks prior)
Tuesday	August 11	First Tennis Matches May be Held
Thursday	Sept. 3	Deadline to Complete Online Tennis Rules Clinic
Friday	August 28	Deadline for Eligibility list (see your AD)
Tue.	Aug 25- Sep 8	Tennis Academic All-State Nominations Accepted (seniors only)
Friday	October 2	2A State Tennis Tournament (Liberty Park)
Wed & Sat	Oct 7 & 10	5A State Tennis Tournament (Liberty Park)
Thu & Sat	Oct 8 & 10	4A State Tennis Tournament (Liberty Park)
Fri & Sat	Oct 9 & 10	3A State Tennis Tournament (Liberty Park)

*\*Results of State Qualifying Tournaments must be entered online on the Tennis page by the following deadlines: 2A – Friday, September 25; 4A & 5A –Thursday, October 1; 3A – Saturday, October 3.*

### **Online UHSAA Tennis Rules Clinic Required**

On an annual basis, head tennis coaches are required to complete the online UHSAA Tennis Rules Clinic available on the UHSAA website at [www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org) under the Training tab. The online clinic will be available **July 31 through September 3**. The school will be fined \$50 if the head coach does not complete the clinic by the deadline of September 3. If you are the head coach for both girls' and boys' tennis, you will only be required to complete the online clinic one time during the 2015-16 school year.

### **USTA Tennis Rules Books and Friend of Court**

The UHSAA will mail a **2015 USTA Rules of Tennis Rules Book** to participating schools by August 5. Pick up your book in your school's main office. A link to the 2015 "Friend at Court" is also available for on the UHSAA Tennis page at [www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org). The USTA Rules shall govern unless modified by the UHSAA.

### **Coaches Must Adhere to UHSAA & USTA Rules & Regulations**

Coaches have the responsibility to be familiar with and adhere to all UHSAA rules and policies, along with USTA Tennis Rules, unless modified by the UHSAA. The UHSAA Online Tennis Rules Clinic will review the UHSAA tennis policies for regions and schools. UHSAA State Tennis Tournaments are not USTA sanctioned; the UHSAA has some policies that are unique to their tournaments. The Tennis Section of the UHSAA Handbook contains rules & policies that govern UHSAA Tennis, along with the pairings and brackets for State. Bracket A = 1<sup>st</sup> Singles & 1<sup>st</sup> Doubles; Bracket B = 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles & 2<sup>nd</sup> Doubles; Bracket C = 3<sup>rd</sup> Singles.

Coaches shall also be familiar with and adhere to the **UHSAA Handbook posted online** at [www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org) under the Publications tab (i.e. player eligibility, transfer rules, contest limitations, Out-of-Season Restrictions, sanction policies). Coaches are also responsible for the information contained in the UHSAA Handbook, especially Article 1 which covers the eligibility of players and Article 2 which address activity imitations (i.e. Contest Limitations, Out-of-Season, Restrictions, Two-Weeks Prior Restrictions). The UHSAA Handbook is available online at [www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org) under the Publications tab.