



# UHSAA

## 2024 Girls 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 Girls' State Tournament: Thursday & Saturday, October 10 & October 12 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 Girls' State Tournament: Thursday & Saturday, October 3 & October 5, 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 Girls' State Tournament: Friday & Saturday, October 11 & October 12 at Liberty Park (900 So. 700 E., SLC).**

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

**3A Girls' State Tournament: Friday & Saturday, October 4 & October 5, 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 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/GTennis.php>.
- 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.**
- **Information for the 3A/4A/5A/6A First Round will be available at [uhsaa.org/gtennis/2024/3A5A6AFirstRound.pdf](https://uhsaa.org/gtennis/2024/3A5A6AFirstRound.pdf).**

### 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.
- UTR scores 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 \$10 for adults, \$5 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](http://gofan.co/UHSAA). UHSAA passes will be accepted at the venue gate.**
- **Restrooms inside the clubhouse are for players and coaches only. The public is encouraged to use restrooms on the north side of the venue.**
- 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 (not unforced errors). ● 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.

## 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 styles and 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 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 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.
- **Restrooms inside the clubhouse are for players and coaches only.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACHES

- 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 coaches buy tickets beforehand for non-competing players on GoFan.
- **A mandatory coaches' meeting will take place on the week of the state tournament at Liberty Park on Zoom.**
- Coaches are required to be wearing their UHSAA-issued credential for certified coaches.
- Coaching is permitted during rest periods between sets and during changeovers, **EXCEPT** after the 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.
- 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 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.**

**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. 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: Substitutions are NOT allowed once the first round of the tournament begins.**

Substitutions may take place before the opening match of the first round of the tournament but are not allowed after that. All players must meet eligibility standards for a substitution. There will be no substitutions allowed between the first round and second round of the state tournament. The tournament will not be re-seeded after the initial draw of players.

**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, fan numbers could be limited by venue. **Tickets will not be refunded in the case of weather delays or moving indoors.**