

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Tennis Tournaments

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Case situations refer to rulings and interpretations used to interpret and administer these provisions which can be found in the Case Situation section of the Handbook. (When possible, additional cross-referencing information has been included).)

I) Assignment of Schools to Regions

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in tennis for boys and girls, provided that fifteen (15) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to March 1. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control. Newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.

As of August 1, 2008, the alignment in tennis is as follows -

REGION 1: Ballard Memorial, Calloway County, Community Christian (Paducah), Fulton City, Graves County, Heath, Lone Oak, Marshall County, Mayfield, Murray, Paducah Tilghman, Reidland, St. Mary

REGION 2: Caldwell County, Christian County, Fort Campbell, Henderson County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Lyon County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Providence, Trigg County, Union County, University Heights, Webster County

REGION 3: Apollo, Butler County, Daviess County, Frederick Fraize, Grayson County, Hancock County, McLean County, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic

REGION 4: Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Bowling Green, Caverna, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Greenwood, Hart County, Logan County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Russellville, Warren Central, Warren East

REGION 5: Adair County, Bardstown, Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Green County, John Hardin, Larue County, Marion County, Meade County, Nelson County, North Hardin, Taylor County, Washington County

REGION 6: Brown, Butler, Central, DeSales (B), Doss, DuPont Manual, Evangel Christian, Fairdale, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, Male, Pleasure Ridge Park, Portland Christian, Presentation (G), Shawnee, Southern, St. Francis, St. Xavier (B), Valley, Western

REGION 7: Assumption (G), Atherton, Ballard, Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Collegiate, Mercy (G), Moore, Sacred Heart (G), Seneca, Trinity (Louisville) (B), Waggener, Walden, Whitefield Academy

REGION 8: Anderson County, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Carroll County, Gallatin County, Frankfort, Franklin County, North Bullitt, North Oldham, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham, Spencer County, Trimble County, Western Hills, Williamstown

REGION 9: Beechwood, Boone County, Calvary Christian, Conner, Covington Catholic (B), Covington Latin, Dixie Heights, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Notre Dame (G), Ryle, Scott, Simon Kenton, St. Henry District, Villa Madonna

REGION 10: Augusta, Bellevue, Bourbon County, Bracken County, Campbell County, Dayton, Deming, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County, Highlands, Mason County, Montgomery County, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Nicholas County, Paris, Pendleton County, St. Patrick

REGION 11: Bryan Station, East Jessamine, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Madison Central, Model, Paul Dunbar, Sayre, Scott County, Tates Creek, West Jessamine, Woodford County

REGION 12: Berea, Boyle County, Casey County, Danville, Garrard County, Lincoln County, Madison Southern, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Pulaski County, Russell County, Somerset, Southwestern

REGION 13: Barbourville, Bell County, Clay County, Corbin, Cumberland, Harlan, Knox Central, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist Institute, Pineville, South Laurel, Whitley County

REGION 14: Breathitt County, Estill County, Hazard, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Lee County, Letcher County Central, Perry

County Central

REGION 15: Allen Central, Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Paintsville, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark

REGION 16: Ashland Blazer, Bath County, Boyd County, East Carter, Greenup County, Lewis County, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, Rowan County, Russell, West Carter

II) Dates and Sites for Tournaments

The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the regional and state tournaments. All tournaments will be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved in writing by the Commissioner.

Schools interested in hosting a regional tournament shall submit their request in writing prior to October 1 of the tournament year. The applicant shall supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. Application forms for hosting tournaments in all sports are provided to each member school by the Association via the KHSAA web site.

The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) Tournament Managers

The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the regional tournaments and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. It is the duty of each tournament manager to notify the regional schools of the time and place of the tournament, to supply the proper entry blanks, to invite the participation of all of the schools, and to make all arrangements for the tournament. It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The Board of Control has approved the policy that the receipts of a tournament can be assessed (a fine levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

IV) Eligibility to Enter Tournament Play

A contestant shall have competed in at least four (4) high school matches on a team representing a member school to be eligible to participate in the regional tournament. All matches played in a tournament during the season count as one match of the four (4) required to qualify for regional play.

All entrants from a school accumulate team points toward the team championship in accordance with the provisions under part VII, Champion.

V) Contestants

At the discretion of the Association, an entry form may substitute for KHSAA Form 15 which is to be submitted not less than one week prior to the start of the tournament. This list shall include all names of anyone who is to be eligible to participate in the postseason as additions to the list are not allowed, with the exception of a documented clerical error as referred to in Bylaw 14. Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the list to future rounds of tournament play.

A school may enter a maximum of two singles players and two doubles teams in the regional tournament. No contestant shall compete in both the singles and doubles competition.

Any player whose name is on the eligibility list may be substituted on a team prior to the time of the draw for the regional tournament. After the draw is final, the regional tournament manager may allow substitution in singles or doubles if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances beyond his/her control.

The team champion from the regional tournament shall advance both singles entrants, and both doubles teams to the state tournament. The top two singles finishers who were not on the winning team shall advance to the state tournament. The top two doubles teams who were not on the winning team shall advance to the state tournament.

If a school winning the regional team championship does not have a full complement of singles and doubles players, the next highest

finishing singles players (or doubles teams) who have not already qualified shall advance to allow the region to enter a total of four singles players and four doubles teams in the state tournament.

Any ties for state tournament qualifying positions in singles or doubles shall be broken using a match (2 of 3 sets) format. The Commissioner's office will issue full instructions to all teams on any additional qualifying procedures.

At the state tournament, prior to the first match, the tournament manager may allow substitution on a doubles team if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances beyond his/her control or for illness or injury. No advantage may be gained or the substitution is not to be allowed. There cannot be a substitute for a singles player.

Players shall participate in all rounds of tournament play to be eligible for the state tournament.

VI) Rules and Style of Play

United States Tennis Association (U.S.T.A.) Rules shall apply except where modifications are outlined. All match play in both singles and doubles shall be best two out of three sets. The tie-breaker (12 point) as explained in the regional instructions shall be used for both regional and state tournament play.

For both the regional and state tournaments, the manager may seed the contestants and draw for the remaining places in the tournament. Singles players and doubles teams from the same school shall be placed in opposite brackets. The draw shall be open to the public.

VII) Champion

A) Bracketing and Scoring for the Team Championship

1) In the Region and State Tournaments, each singles player and doubles team will receive one team point for each match that is won throughout the tournament. If a singles player or doubles team gets a bye in the first round, the singles player or doubles team shall get two team points for the next round if that singles player or doubles team wins their second round match. If a singles player or doubles team gets a bye in the first round, but loses the second round match, they receive no team points. A default in a bracketed match shall be counted as a win and the game score shall be 6-0, 6-0.

2) When the number of entries in the draw in singles and doubles are not equal (i.e. one has 32 entries and one has 64 entries), the scoring is the same as the above plan for the 64-entry draw. For the 32-entry draw, players/doubles teams get two points for a first round win, and one point for each winning match thereafter.

3) No points are awarded for a bye until a match is won in competition. There shall be no build-ups (feed-ins).

4) The team champion shall be the team with the highest total number of team points.

B) Ties in Team Competition

1) In team scoring at the regional tournament, if there is a tie for the champion or runner-up position, it shall be broken.

2) In the case of a tie in team points to determine regional tournament champion, the playoff shall be scheduled immediately following Regional Tournament play. It is the coach's responsibility to have his/her team on-site ready to play.

3) A brief rest period may be designated by the Tournament Manager if necessary. In the event of inclement weather or darkness, the regional manager may schedule the playoff for the following day.

4) Any regional tournament ties for state tournament individual qualifying positions shall be broken.

5) In the case of a tie in team points to determine the regional champion, the team(s) tied for first who does not win the tie-breaking procedures will be runner-up; the team(s) that accumulated second-most points during the regional tournament, when there is a tie for first but is not in the tie-breaker, will finish third and is not the runner-up.

6) In team scoring at the state tournament, if there is a tie for the champion position, it shall be broken.

7) In team scoring at the state tournament, if there is a tie for the runner-up position, it shall not be broken.

C) Regional Tournament Winning Team Two-Way Tie-Breaker

1) In the case of a two-way tie in points for the team championship

in the Regional Tournament, the number 1 and 2 singles players, and number 1 and 2 doubles teams from each school shall play each other (1 match each, 2 out of 3 sets) to decide the team winner.

2) The tie-breaker matches will be played as follows:

a) The #1 singles player from each school will play one (1) match against each other (2 out of 3 games);

b) The #1 doubles team from each school will play one (1) match against each other (2 out of 3 games);

c) The #2 singles player from each school will play one (1) match against each other (2 out of 3 games);

d) The #2 doubles team from each school will play one (1) match against each other (2 out of 3 games).

3) Each school will have declared their #1 and #2 players in singles and their #1 and #2 doubles teams on the regional entry Form (TN103). These declarations shall be consistent with season play.

4) If a school does not have entries in one or more of matches in the brackets of the tie-breaking round, that match shall be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 victory for the team that has an entry.

5) If one of the schools wins either three (3) or four (4) of the matches, then that school shall be declared the winner.

6) If neither of the teams has won three (3) or four (4) of the matches, the team winning the most games during the playoff round shall be declared the winner.

7) If the application of the tie-breaker leaves the two teams still tied, the process shall be repeated until a winner is declared.

D) Regional Tournament Winning Team Three-Way Tie-Breaker

1) In the case of a three-way tie in points for the team championship in the regional tournament, the tied teams shall be ranked by the number of games won during the regional tournament to determine the order of the tie-breaking matches.

2) If this ranking results in a tie, it shall be broken by ranking the tied teams in order by the fewest number of games lost.

3) If this ranking results in a tie, it shall be broken by a blind draw.

4) Following this ranking, the two tied teams ranked lowest shall play each other in the first round of the tie-breaker, with the number 1 and 2 singles players, and number 1 and 2 doubles teams playing each other in a 12-point tie-breaker game.

5) Order of play for first tie-breaking round

a) Each school will have declared their #1 and #2 players in singles and their #1 and #2 doubles teams on the Regional Tournament Entry Form (TN103). These declarations shall be consistent with season play.

b) If a school does not have entries in one or more of matches in the brackets of the tie-breaking round, that match shall be scored as a 7-0 victory for the team that has an entry.

c) The 12-point tie-breaker games will be played as follows:

i) The #1 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;

ii) The #1 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;

iii) The #2 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;

iv) The #2 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other.

d) If one of the schools wins either three (3) or four (4) of the 12-point tie-breaker games, then that school will advance to play 12-point tie-breaker games against the third team in the tie.

e) If both schools win two (2) of the 12-point tie-breaker games, then the school with the most points during the tie-breaker playoff round will advance to play 12-point tie-breaker games against the third team.

f) If both teams win the same number of points during the tie-breaker games, then those same schools will replay the 12-point tie-breaker games using the same format

g) This process will continue until one team advances to play a 12-point tie-breaker against the third team in the tie breaker.

6) Order of play for second tie-breaking round

a) Each school will have declared their #1 and #2 players in singles and their #1 and #2 doubles teams on the Regional Tournament Entry Form (TN #103). These declarations shall be consistent with season play.

- b) If a school does not have entries in one or more of matches in the brackets of the tie-breaking round, that match shall be scored as a 7-0 victory for the team that has an entry.
- c) The 12-point tie-breaker games will go as follows:
- The #1 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #1 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #2 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #2 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
- d) If one of the schools in this second round of the tie-breaker wins either three (3) or four (4) of the 12-point tie-breaker games listed above, then that school will be the regional champion.
- e) If both schools in the second round tie-breaker win two (2) of the 12-point tie-breaker games, then the school with the most points during the tie-breaker playoff round will be the regional champion.
- f) If both schools win the same number of points during the tie-breaker games, then the tie-breaker process shall be repeated until a winner of this round is declared.
- g) The team losing the second round tie-breaker shall be declared the regional runner-up.
- E) Regional Tournament Runner-up Two-Way Tie-Breaker
In the case of a tie for second place for the team championship in the Regional Tournament, the tie will be broken by the following:
- The team having the highest percentage of games won during the Regional Tournament will be the Regional Tournament Runner-Up. (i.e. Team A plays 200 games and wins 100 games = 50%, Team B plays 198 games and wins 156 games = 78.7%, Team C plays 190 games and wins 150 games = 78.9%). In this example, team C is the runner-up.
 - When counting percentages, if one of the tied teams does not have a full complement of players (i.e. only one doubles team or only one singles player), then each vacant spot for that tied team will be counted as one 0-6, 0-6 loss.
 - If two or more teams have the same percentage of games won, therefore still being tied, all of those teams still tied will be declared regional runner-up.
- F) State Tournament Winning Team Two-Way Tie-Breaker
- In the case of a two-way tie in points for the team championship in the state tournament, the number 1 and 2 singles players, and number 1 and 2 doubles teams from each school shall play each other (1 match each, 2 out of 3 games) to decide the team winner.
 - The declaration of number 1 and 2 singles players and doubles teams shall be made on the State Tournament Entry Form (TN104) and followed in the case of a playoff.
 - If a school does not have entries in one or more of matches in the brackets of the tie-breaking round, that match shall be scored as a 6-0, 6-0 victory for the team that has an entry.
 - If one of the schools wins either three (3) or four (4) of the matches, then that school shall be declared the winner.
 - If neither of the teams has won three (3) or four (4) of the matches, the team winning the most games during the playoff round shall be declared the winner.
 - If the application of the tie-breaker leaves the two teams still tied, the tie shall not be further broken, and co-champions shall be declared.
- G) State Tournament Winning Team Three-Way Tie-Breaker
- In the case of a three-way tie in points for the team championship in the state tournament, the tied teams shall be ranked by the number of games won during the state tournament to determine the order of the tie-breaking matches.
 - If this ranking results in a tie, it shall be broken by ranking the tied teams in order by the fewest number of games lost.
 - If this ranking results in a tie, it shall be broken by a blind draw.
 - Following this ranking, the two tied teams ranked lowest shall play each other in the first round of the tie-breaker, with the number 1 and 2 singles players, and number 1 and 2 doubles teams playing each other in a 12-point tie-breaker game.
- 5) Order of play for first tie-breaking round
- Each school will have declared their #1 and #2 players in singles and their #1 and #2 doubles teams on the State Tournament Entry Form (TN104).
 - If a school does not have entries in one or more of matches in the brackets of the tie-breaking round, that match shall be scored as a 7-0 victory for the team that has an entry.
 - The 12-point tie-breaker games will be played as follows:
 - The #1 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #1 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #2 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #2 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other.
 - If one of the schools wins either three (3) or four (4) of the 12-point tie-breaker games, then that school will advance to play 12-point tie-breaker games against the third team in the tie.
 - If both schools win two (2) of the 12-point tie-breaker games, then the school with the most points during the tie-breaker playoff round will advance to play 12-point tie-breaker games against the third team.
 - If both schools win the same number of points during the tie-breaker games, then those same schools will replay the 12-point tie-breaker games using the same format
 - This process will continue until one team advances to play a 12-point tie-breaker against the third team in the tie breaker.
- 6) Order of play for second tie-breaking round
- Each school will have declared their #1 and #2 players in singles and their #1 and #2 doubles teams on the State Tournament Entry Form (TN104).
 - If a school does not have entries in one or more of matches in the brackets of the tie-breaking round, that match shall be scored as a 7-0 victory for the team that has an entry.
 - The 12-point tie-breaker games will go as follows:
 - The #1 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #1 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #2 singles player from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - The #2 doubles team from each school will play one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other;
 - If one of the schools in this second round of the tie-breaker wins either three (3) or four (4) of the 12-point tie-breaker games listed above, then that school will be the state champion.
 - If both schools in the second round tie-breaker win two (2) of the 12-point tie-breaker games, then the school with the most points during the tie-breaker playoff round will be the state champion.
 - If both schools win the same number of points during the tie-breaker games, the tie shall not be broken.
 - The team losing the second round tie-breaker shall be declared the state runner-up.
 - Additional revisions to the tie-breaking procedures will be distributed to the membership upon passage by the Board of Control.
- H) Individual Match Tie-Breaking Procedures – Region and State Tournament
- All match play shall be two-out-of-three sets.
 - In case of a 6-6 tie in one of the sets, the following 12-point tie-breaker rules will be in effect for both boys and girls.
- 3) Singles
- Player "A" serves first point (right court)
 - Player "B" serves points 2 and 3 (left then right)
 - Player "A" serves points 4 and 5 (left then right)
 - Player "B" serves point 6 (left)
 - Players change ends
 - Player "B" serves point 7 (right)
 - Player "A" serves points 8 and 9 (left then right)
 - Player "B" serves points 10 and 11 (left then right)
 - Player "A" serves point 12 (left)

- j) If points reach 6-6, players change ends and continue as before:
 - k) Player "A" serves point 13 (right)
 - l) Player "B" serves points 14 and 15 (left then right)
 - m) Players will continue to alternate two serves apiece until one player establishes a margin of two (2) points
 - n) Change of ends during a tie-breaker is to be made without any delay other than the 30 seconds allowed between points. Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with Player "B" to serve the first game of the new set.
- 4) Doubles:
- a) The same pattern is followed as with singles, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns.
 - b) (Assuming "A & B" versus "C & D")
 - c) Player "A" serves first point (right court)
 - d) Player "C" serves points 2 and 3 (left then right)
 - e) Player "B" serves points 4 and 5 (right then left)
 - f) Player "D" serves point 6 (left)
 - g) Teams change ends
 - h) Player "D" serves point 7 (right)
 - i) Player "A" serves points 8 and 9 (left then right)
 - j) Player "C" serves points 10 and 11 (left then right)
 - k) Player "B" serves point 12 (left)
 - l) If points reach 6-6, teams change ends and continue as before
 - m) Player "B" serves point 13 (right)
 - n) Player "D" serves points 14 and 15 (left then right)
 - o) Alternate players on alternate teams will continue to alternate two serves apiece until one team establishes a margin of two (2) points
 - p) Teams change ends for one game to start the next set with "C & D" to serve the first game of the new set.
 - q) The set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6. The tie-breaker game shall count as one game for the ball change, except that, if the balls are due to be changed at the beginning of the tie-breaker, the change shall be deferred until the second game of the following set.

VIII) Trophies and Awards

- A) Region.
- 1) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
 - 2) Awards will be given to winning and runner-up singles players and doubles teams at each regional meet.
 - 3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the regional meet.
- B) State.
- 1) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state tournament.
 - 2) Awards will be given to the winning and runner-up singles players and the two other semi-finalist singles players at the state meet.
 - 3) Awards will be given to the winning and runner-up doubles teams and the two other semi-finalist doubles teams at the state meet.
 - 4) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

IX) Finances

- A) Region
- 1) The finances of the regional meet will be managed at the regional level.
 - 2) The regional competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared.
- B) State
- 1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
 - 2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state tournament.

X) Special Tournament and Regular Season Rules

- A) Specifications for Tennis Courts
- The specifications for recommended and required standards for tennis facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.
- B) Additional Rules for Contests
- Additional rules developed by the Association may be implemented

in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

XI) School Personnel to Accompany Team

In accordance with Bylaw 20, each school having participants in a KHSAA event shall send a school designee to accompany the team. This person should be designated in writing by the Principal and approved by the local Board of Education.

(See Case Situations on Page 101-102)