

# REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



## 2009 KHSAA BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

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*(All forms may be found on the KHSAA Website, [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org))*

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

#### **Qualifying Entrants from Each Team:**

To be eligible for the Regional Tournament, a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) high school tennis matches representing his/her member school during the regular season. Verification of these matches (including match scores) shall be listed on or attached to his/her Player Profile Form (KHSAA Form TN #105). It is recommended that schools play matches consisting of two-out-of-three sets.

Each player is limited to either singles or doubles competition in post season.

No more than two singles players and two doubles teams may be entered from each school into the Regional Tournament. However, a school may have less than two singles players and/or two doubles teams and still be eligible for the Regional Tournament.

#### **Entry Forms to be Completed and Submitted:**

Please completely fill out the Regional Tournament Entry Form (KHSAA Form TN #103) for your school and ensure that all information on this one-page form is accurate before submitting. The Regional Tournament Entry Form (TN #103) is to be submitted to your Regional Tournament Manager NO LATER THAN the deadline date established by your respective Regional Manager.

Please fill out a Player Profile Form (KHSAA Form TN #105) for **each** singles and doubles **player** (which means there could be up to six (6) Player Profile Forms submitted). Coaches shall list any pertinent information on pages two and three of this three-page form which might help the Regional Tournament Manager in seeding decisions. If a player qualifies for the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament, his/her Player Profile Form (Form TN #105) will be forwarded to the KHSAA State Tournament Seeding Committee Chair for KHSAA State Tournament seeding purposes; therefore, ensure each form is filled out as thoroughly and accurately as possible. Player Profile Forms (TN #105) must be submitted to the Regional Tournament Manager at the same time as the Regional Tournament Entry Form (TN #103).

A copy of the KHSAA Certificate of Eligibility Form (KHSAA Form GE #15) MUST accompany the Regional Tournament Entry Form (Form TN #103) for Regional Tournament eligibility before first match.

#### **Substitutions**

Any player whose name is on the Certificate of Eligibility (KHSAA Form GE #15) may be substituted for the original entry prior to the draw. After the draw is final, the Regional Tournament Manager may allow a substitution if the original entry is prevented from entering the event because of circumstances due to injury/illness. No advantages may be gained by a substitution or it will not be allowed. Substitutes must be players who are NOT already entered into the Regional Tournament. Players must be substituted into the open position. Substituted players must produce their Player Profile Form (KHSAA Form TN #105) (which will include their four match verification) prior to play.



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## REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Each Regional Tournament Manager shall have a meeting that is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The pairings for the Regional Tournament will be made at this meeting by the Regional Tournament Manager, who has the authority to seed players in accordance with their ability or draw for positions for all or any number of contestants. Guidelines shall be established by the Regional Seeding Committee as to who may participate and/or give input in the seeding process.

Coaches shall list any pertinent information on pages 2 and 3 of the Player Profile Form (Form TN #105) which might help the Regional Tournament Manager in seeding decisions. Also, coaches are encouraged to add any attachments as necessary which will help determine seeding for post season play. In a sanctioned tournament, the maximum seeding allowed is one (1) player in every four (4), or a major fraction thereof.

- Players from the same school shall be placed in opposite brackets.
- No player will be required to play more than three (3) matches per day.
- Rest periods between matches are to be sixty (60) minutes unless BOTH players agree to waive this time period. This topic is to be discussed and confirmed at the Regional Tournament Seeding Meeting.
- All match play shall be two out of three sets. At discretion by Regional Manager and approval by the KHSAA for emergency use only, play may be modified 2-3 with 3<sup>rd</sup> set super tiebreaker (10 by 2) provided this is done for the entire round and or beginning of following rounds. (Eight game Pro Set scoring / No Ad scoring are a last resort and again, can only be used for emergency peruses upon approval by KHSAA Office.)
- Pro Sets may be considered for doubles seeding purposes only.

## SCORING

### **Point System to Determine Team Championship:**

Each singles player and doubles team will receive one (1) point for each match that is won throughout the Regional Tournament. The school who accumulates the most points throughout the Regional Tournament is the Regional Tournament Champion. The school accumulating the second-most points throughout the Regional Tournament is the Regional Tournament Runner-Up. If a player or doubles team receives a bye in the first round, that player or doubles team shall get two (2) points for the next round only **IF** the player or doubles team wins the second round match. If the player or doubles team with the bye LOSES their second round match, the player or doubles team who had the bye will get zero (0) points.

### **Draw Sheets**

When the draw sheets are not identical (example: girls' singles uses a 64 position draw sheet and girls' doubles only needs a 32 position draw sheet), the point system is as follows: the 64 position draw sheet will use the point system outlined in the above paragraph. The 32 position draw sheet will award two (2) points for a first round win, and one point for each match thereafter. Zero (0) points are awarded for byes until a match is won.

There shall be no feed-ins (0-32 singles players/doubles teams requires a 32 position draw sheet; 33-64 singles players/doubles teams requires a 64 position draw sheet; etc.). A default counts as a win and is scored as 6-0, 6-0. A retired player is scored as is when he or she retired.



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## TIES

### In the Case of a Tie In Points for the Team Championship:

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.** A brief rest period may be designated by the Regional Tournament Director if necessary. In the event of inclement weather or darkness, the Regional Tournament Director may schedule the playoff for the following day. Any Regional Tournament ties for the State Tournament qualifying positions **MUST** be broken. Listed below are tie-breaker procedures that will be put into effect for both boys and girls.

In the case of a tie in team points to determine the Regional Tournament Champion, only the team(s) tied for first who do not win the tie-breaker procedures will be Regional Tournament Runner-Up; the team(s) who accumulated second-most points during the Regional Tournament, when there is a tie for first, will not be Regional Tournament Runner-Up.

### Two-Way Tie for First Place (Team)

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. The matches will go as follows:

- The #1 singles player from each school will play one (1) match against each other
- The #1 doubles team from each school will play one (1) match against each other
- The #2 singles player from each school will play one (1) match against each other
- The #2 doubles team from each school will play one (1) match against each other

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 must be consistent with season play. If a school does not have entries in one or more of the 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 listed above, then that school will be the Regional Tournament Champion. If both schools win two (2) of the matches listed above, then a tie remains, and the school winning the most games during the playoff round is declared the Regional Tournament Champion. If both schools win the same number of games during the playoff round, then the tie-breaker process shall be repeated until a winner is declared.

### Three-Way Tie for First Place (Team):

*(Process for determining the order of play to break the three-way tie)*

In the case of a three-way tie in points for the team championship in the Regional Tennis Tournament, the tied teams shall be ranked by the number of games won during the Regional Tournament. 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.



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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 (12-point tie-breaker games outlined on page 5).

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 must be consistent with season play. 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.

*(Once order of play to break the three-way tie has been determined)*

*(Assuming schools A & B must play each other and school C begins with a bye)*

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 A or B wins either three (3) or four (4) of the 12-point tie-breaker games listed above, then that school will advance to play 12-point tie-breaker games against school C. If both schools A and B win two (2) of the 12-point tie-breaker games listed above, then the school A or B with the most points during the tie-breaker playoff round will advance to play 12-point tie-breaker games against school C. If both schools A & B 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 as above (#1 singles player from each school playing one (1) 12-point tie-breaker game against each other, etc.).

**This process will continue until someone advances to play a 12-point tie-breaker against school C.**

*(Assuming school A advances)*

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 must be consistent with season play. 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 A or C wins either three (3) or four (4) of the 12-point tie-breaker games listed above, then that school will be the highest place finisher. If both schools A and C win two (2) of the 12-point tie-breaker games listed above, then the school A or C with the most points during the tie-breaker playoff round will be the Regional Tournament Champion. 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.

**Since this tie-breaking example between schools A & C is used to determine the Regional Tournament Champion, the school A or C who loses is declared the Regional Tournament Runner-Up.**



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**Therefore, School B, who lost to School A at the beginning of the Three-Way Tie example, would NOT be Regional Tournament Runner-Up.**

### **Tie for Second Place (Team):**

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.

*Example: 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%*

Team C would be the Regional Tournament Runner-Up.

**Note:** 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 Tournament Runner-Up.

### **In Case of a Tie in a Single Set in an Individual Match**

All match play shall be two-out-of-three sets. In case of a tie in one of the sets, the following rules will be put into effect for both boys and girls.

#### **12-Point Tie Breaker**

##### **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)
- If points reach 6-6, players change ends and continue as before:
- Player "A" serves point 13 (right)
- Player "B" serves points 14 and 15 (left then right)
- Players will continue to alternate two serves apiece until one player establishes a margin of two (2) points

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.



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### **Doubles:**

The same pattern is followed as with singles, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns. (Assuming "A & B" versus "C & D")

- Player "A" serves first point (right court)
- Player "C" serves points 2 and 3 (left then right)
- Player "B" serves points 4 and 5 (right then left)
- Player "D" serves point 6 (left)
- Teams change ends
- Player "D" serves point 7 (right)
- Player "A" serves points 8 and 9 (left then right)
- Player "C" serves points 10 and 11 (left then right)
- Player "B" serves point 12 (left)
- If points reach 6-6, teams change ends and continue as before
- Player "B" serves point 13 (right)
- Player "D" serves points 14 and 15 (left then right)
- Alternate players on alternate teams will continue to alternate two serves apiece until one team establishes a margin of two (2) points

Teams change ends for one game to start the next set with "C & D" to serve the first game of the new set.

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.

## COACHING

The designated head coach or representative of the school shall accompany the contestants to both the Regional Tournament and KHSAA State Tournament, and the coach's name shall be listed on the Regional Tournament Entry Form (TN #103).

Coaches (as designated on the Regional Tournament Entry Form (TN #103) and approved by the school principal) will be allowed to coach when a player changes ends (except for the first game), at the end of a set, or any authorized rest period.

The coach may enter the court enclosure to coach, but must be non-evasive or distracting to the players while play is going on and to follow proper court etiquette. Coaching may also be done from OUTSIDE of the fencing depending on the limitations of the facility. It is recommended that this be discussed with an agreement by teams prior to play beginning.

Coaching is NOT permitted when the player changes ends during a tie-break game. Coaching is NOT permitted during any warm-up. The following standards must be adhered to:

- In Regional Tournament play, it is the responsibility of the Regional Tournament Manager to enforce the rules and be in charge of all rule interpretations, including the coaching rule.
- Only the designated head coach or one assistant coach (hired by the school and meeting all of the KHSAA coaching requirements – KHSAA Bylaw 27) for a team may talk to the players.
- Players may not leave the enclosure unless on a "split-set" rest period.



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- The break period for coaching begins immediately following the last game point, not when conversation begins.
- During the designated coaching breaks, a player may confer with his/her coach. Both singles players or both doubles teams MUST be at their respective baselines ready to play at the conclusion of the 90-second period. If the break period is NOT adhered to, the following penalties will be applied:

- *Case 1: Both players not ready to play – The server starts the next game 0-30.*
- *Case 2: The server is not ready to play – The server starts the next game 0-30.*
- *Case 3: The receiver is not ready to play – The server starts the next game 30-0.*

**Note:** If this rule is to work, coaches must work at enforcing the time and resulting penalty. Violations by the coach could result in the KHSAA Point Penalty System going into effect (The KHSAA Point Penalty System is outlined in Section F: Miscellaneous Tournament Procedures).

The use of signals (excessive cheering as opposed to applause), veiled suggestions, etc. during play is considered unethical and is not permitted.

### MISCELLANEOUS TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

#### **Inclement Weather**

In case of inclement weather, play may be moved indoors and modified scoring initiated may be used if necessary. Guidelines for "no-ad" scoring may be found in the USTA publication Friend at Court.

#### **KHSAA Point Penalty System**

The KHSAA Point Penalty System will be in effect for unsportsmanlike conduct which disrupts a player's opponent, or play on surrounding courts. Penalties assessed shall be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Penalty: Point
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Penalty: Game
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Penalty: Match

The decision for the KHSAA Point Penalty System to go into effect will be at the discretion of the official or the Regional Tournament Manager.

#### **Tardiness**

The penalty for tardiness is one (1) game for each five (5) minutes or fraction thereof (one second to five minutes tardy = one game; five minutes and one second to ten minutes tardy = two games, etc.). A player appearing late loses the option for service or choice of court. After 55 minutes the match is defaulted, and shall be scored 6-0, 6-0.

#### **Tennis Balls**

Tennis balls will be furnished by the Regional Tournament Manager. Wilson© tennis balls will be used for all KHSAA post season tournament play.

#### **Trophies**

Individual trophies will be given to the winners and runners-up of both the singles and doubles Regional Tournament. A trophy will also be awarded to the overall Regional Tournament team winner and runner-up.



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### **Continuous Play**

Continuous play will be in effect for the first two sets with a ten minute break allowed on split sets.

### **Dress Code**

It is recommended that players wear school uniforms during play.

The following shall **NOT** be allowed during tournament play:

- Visible undergarments under shorts, skirts or shirts (**Note:** Compression shorts, if worn as an undergarment above the knee, are legal.)
- Bare midriffs
- Any garment or hat advertising alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or other inappropriate items deemed objectionable by the Regional Tournament Manager
- Objectionable permanent body markings (tattoos) must be covered; non-permanent body markings (temporary tattoos or body paint) shall be prohibited
- Black-soled shoes may be prohibited

### **KHSAA STATE TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY**

The team champion from the Regional Tournament shall advance both singles entrants and both doubles teams to the KHSAA State Tournament. The top two singles finishers who were not on the Regional winning team shall also advance to the KHSAA State Tournament. The top two doubles teams who were not on the Regional winning team shall also advance to the KHSAA State Tournament. In essence, a total of four singles players and four doubles teams will advance out of each region to the KHSAA State Tournament.

If a school winning the Regional Team Championship does not have a full complement of singles players or doubles teams, then the next highest finishing singles player(s) (or doubles team(s)) who have not already qualified shall advance to allow the region to have a total of four singles players and four doubles teams in the KHSAA State Tournament. Any Regional Tournament ties for KHSAA State Tournament qualifying positions in singles or doubles **MUST** be broken using a match (2 of 3 sets) format.

**Note:** Any matches played between the losers of the semi-finals matches to determine a qualifying position for the KHSAA State Tournament shall **NOT** be counted toward team points in standing for the Regional Team Championship.

A player who qualifies for the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament must ensure his or her coach submits the KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (KHSAA Form #104) and Player Profile Form (Form TN #105) to the Regional Tournament Manager. Coaches should update the Player Profile Form (Form TN #105) with Regional Tournament results and resubmit the updated Player Profile Form (Form TN #105) to the Regional Tournament Manager before leaving the Regional Tournament site. **THE REGIONAL MANAGER IS TO COMPLETE THE REGIONAL RESULTS FORM (KHSAA FORMS #102) AND E-MAIL/PHONE RESULTS TO THE STATE SEEDING CHAIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. Coaches are responsible for including as much player information as possible on these forms for seeding purposes.** This information **MUST** be brought to the State Seed Meeting and Draw by the Region Representative on Monday, May 18. The designated high school coach who has met all of the KHSAA coaching requirements (KHSAA Bylaw 27) must be listed on the KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (Form TN #104) for each school.



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## KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT SEEDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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### **All-State Teams**

All-State Tennis Team Notification Forms (KHSAA Form TN #106) shall be submitted to the KHSAA office no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2009. The All-State Tennis Teams are selected by the All-State Tennis Committee, which is comprised of Kentucky high school tennis coaches. The All-State Tennis Teams will be announced on Saturday, May 23, 2009 during the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament.