

2008
BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS



KHSAA STATE
TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Wednesday, May 21ST, 2008

8:30 p.m.: Coaches' Meeting
Nutter Field House, University of Kentucky
(Behind Endzone of Commonwealth Stadium)

Thursday, May 22ND, 2008

9:00 a.m.: Girls' Competition- Berea College/Madison Southern High School, Berea
Singles – Berea College/Doubles-Madison Southern HS
Boys' Competition – University of Kentucky Tennis Courts, Lexington

Friday, May 23rd, 2008

9:00 a.m.: Girls' and Boys' Competition – University of Kentucky Tennis Courts

Saturday, May 24th, 2008

9:00 a.m.: Girls' and Boys' Competition – University of Kentucky Tennis Courts

B. ENTRY and ELIGIBILITY

Qualifying Entrants from Regional Tournament:

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.

Entry Forms to be Completed and Submitted:

The KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (KHSAA Form TN #104) and a Player Profile Form (TN #105) for EACH player must be completed (including updated Regional Tournament results information) and given to the Regional Tournament Manager before leaving the Regional Tournament site. The Regional Tournament Manager will then send the completed forms to the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament Seeding Committee Chair. If this is not accomplished, then the contestant will NOT be entered in the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament. Also, the designated head coach's name MUST be listed on the KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (TN #104).

Substitutions

If one of the singles players or doubles teams who qualifies for the KHSAA State Tournament is unable to compete in the KHSAA State Tournament, then the match in which the singles player or doubles team was scheduled to play shall be counted as a default and scored 6-0, 6-0. This spot will NOT be filled by the next highest finishing Regional Tournament singles player.

A substitution for a player on a doubles team (not the entire doubles team) may be allowed only for injury, illness, or circumstances beyond the player's control. There can be no advantage gained by the substitution. Substitutes must be on the school's KHSAA Certificate of Eligibility (KHSAA Form GE #15) and must have competed in a minimum of four matches. Disciplinary action by the school does NOT constitute a reason for substitution.

C. TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

- A. The KHSAA State Tennis Tournament Seeding Committee will seed any number of the contestants. The Player Profile Form (KHSAA Form TN #105), which will be left with the Regional Tournament Manager to be sent to the KHSAA State Tournament Seeding Committee Chair, will be reviewed in detail for seeding purposes. **Coaches are asked to put as much information as possible on the Player Profile Form (KHSAA Form TN #105) for seeding purposes (include any attachments as necessary).** Pro-sets will not be considered in the seeding process.

- B. The KHSAA State Tournament Seeding Meeting (**approximately 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**) and the Draw (**approximately 7:00 p.m.**) for the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament will be held on Monday, May 19th, 2008 at the KHSAA Office in Lexington.
 The meetings are open to the public, and high school coaches may be present as the seeded players are announced. There will be a comment period (maximum of 30 minutes) on the seeded players at the conclusion of the seeding meeting announcements. Any challenges for a change in seeds must be presented and verified in writing in the form of match results by the high school coach. Players from the same school shall be placed in opposite brackets.

- C. The remaining unseeded places will be filled according to a blind draw. As with the seeding procedure, drawn players from the same school shall be placed in opposite brackets.

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D. 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 KHSAA State Tournament. The school who accumulates the most points throughout the KHSAA State Tournament is the KHSAA State Tournament Champion. The school accumulating the second-most points throughout the KHSAA State Tournament is the KHSAA State Tournament Runner-Up.

E. TIES

A. In Case of a Tie In Points for the Team Championship:

In the case of a tie in team points to determine the KHSAA State Tournament Champion, the playoff shall be scheduled immediately following KHSAA State 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 KHSAA State Tournament Director if necessary. In the event of inclement weather or darkness, the KHSAA State Tournament Director may schedule the playoff for the following day. 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 KHSAA State Tournament Champion, only the team(s) tied for first who do not win the tie-breaker procedures will be KHSAA State Tournament Runner-Up; the team(s) who accumulated second-most points during the KHSAA State Tournament, when there is a tie for first, will not be KHSAA State 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 KHSAA 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 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 KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (TN #104). 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 KHSAA State 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 KHSAA State 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 KHSAA State Tennis Tournament, the tied teams shall be ranked by the number of games won during the KHSAA State 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 coin flip. 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 pages 7 and 8).

Each school will have declared their #1 and #2 players in singles and their #1 and #2 doubles teams on the KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (TN #104). 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 KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (TN #104). 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 highest place finisher. 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.

(Assuming School A wins)

Both schools B & C who lost during this three-way tie-breaker procedure will be declared KHSAA State Tournament Runner-Up.

Tie for Second Place (Team):

In the case of a tie for second place for the team championship in the KHSAA State Tournament, the tie will remain, and all teams tied for second place shall be declared KHSAA State Tournament Runner-Up.

B. 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.

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)

- o 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.

F. TOURNAMENT RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Rules

United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules will be followed with a 12-point tie-breaker in effect.

2. 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:

1st Penalty: Point

2nd Penalty: Game

3rd Penalty: Match

The decision for the KHSAA Point Penalty System to go into effect will be at the discretion of the referee or the KHSAA State Tournament Director.

3. Tardiness

Tardiness for Match Participation Regulation:

5 minutes or less tardy – Loss of toss and loss of one game

5:01 minutes to ten minutes tardy – Loss of toss and loss of two games

10:01 minutes to fifteen minutes tardy – Loss of toss and loss of three games

More than fifteen minutes tardy - Default

4. Continuous Play

Continuous play will be in effect for the first two sets with a ten minute break allowed. A two minute break is allowed between the first and second sets. There is no rest period after the first game of any set.

5. Coaches

Each school MUST be accompanied by a designated head coach/assistant coach. Players and coaches MUST check in with the KHSAA State Tournament Director at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to their scheduled match. There will be a coaches' meeting on Wednesday, May 21st, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. at Nutter Field House (end zone of Commonwealth Football Stadium).

6. Coaching Rule

Coaches designated on the KHSAA State Tournament Entry Form (Form TN #104), and approved by the school principal (KHSAA Bylaw 27, Pages 15-17 of the 2007-08 KHSAA Handbook), will be allowed to coach when a player changes ends at the end of a game, or any authorized rest/break period. Coaching is **NOT** permitted when the player changes ends during a tie-breaker game or during any warm-up period. **A decision has been made for this year to allow enough coaches to be on site for each participant/team that is involved. For instance, if a school has one girls' participant in singles competing at Berea College and one girls' doubles team participating at Madison Southern, we will allow two coaches passes for that team. If, for example, a school has two girls' singles players participating and two doubles teams participating, we will allow four coach's passes. This will help avoid players not having a coach present should the school's participants be playing at the same time. We cannot waive the KHSAA Bylaw 27 requirement (i.e. Coaching Education Course requirement, Medical Symposium requirement, 64 College Credit Hours requirement, First Aid/CPR requirements, and others in Bylaw 27) regarding the qualifications for high school coaches. Therefore, a school must have the school's Principal's signature on each form that requests an additional coach's pass(s). For example, if two additional coach's passes are requested, two separate forms must be turned in. Again, each additional coach's pass request must have a separate form. For the State Tournament these request (and individual forms) for additional coach's passes should be presented at the Coaches Pre-Tournament Meeting on May 21st, 2008. More than one coach coaching at the same time during the same match is prohibited. Individuals who do not qualify as a coach under KHSAA Bylaw 27 will not be issued a coaching pass. Schools found to be issuing coaching passes to unqualified personnel will result in the loss of all coaching passes, except for one head coach, and may result in the disqualification of student participant(s).**

The following standards must be adhered to:

- a. Only the designated head coach or one assistant coach hired by the school may talk to the players. Parents may NOT talk to the players.
- b. Once all championship tournament play is inside the Stadium Courts at the Boone Center, all coaching must be done on the court. Coaching from outside the court will be prohibited. Coaches may walk onto/enter the court to coach at the designated appropriate times. Players must stay on the court with coaches during this communication. This policy, which will more easily help identify the appropriate coach, will help alleviate inappropriate spectator conduct.
- c. Players may NOT leave the enclosure unless on a "split-set" rest period.
- d. The 90-second period for coaching begins immediately following the last game point, not when conversation begins.

- e. During the designated coaching breaks, a player may confer with his/her coach. Both singles players and 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:

1. *Case 1: Both players not ready to play – The server starts the next game 0-30.*
2. *Case 2: The server is not ready to play – The server starts the next game 0-30.*
3. *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 Point Penalty System going into effect.

- f. Coaching may only take place where facilities permit it.

G. MISCELLANEOUS TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

1. Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, play may be moved indoors and “no-ad” scoring may be used if necessary.

2. Trophies

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

3. Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship, ethics and integrity are the fundamental components of interscholastic activity programs. It is the clear obligation of principals, coaches, players, faculty members, boards of education and all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships with fans, officials, players, coaches and the general public.

4. Dress Code

It is recommended that players wear school uniforms during play. The following shall **NOT** be allowed during tournament play:

- Visible undergarments under either 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 KHSAA State Tournament Director.
- Objectionable permanent body markings (tattoos) must be covered; non-permanent body markings (temporary tattoos or body paint) shall be prohibited.
- Black-soled shoes are prohibited.

5. Tennis Balls

Tennis balls will be furnished for each match by the KHSAA State Tournament Director. Wilson® tennis balls will be used for all KHSAA post season tournament play.

6. Admission

General admission fees will be \$3 on Friday of the Tournament. General admission for the semi-finals and finals on Saturday will be \$6.00 per person. Children below 1st Grade will be admitted free. Other admission fees may be applicable.

7. Commencement

Coaches with commencement conflicts shall notify the KHSAA State Tennis Tournament Seeding Committee Chairs regarding these conflicts NO LATER THAN 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 20th, 2008.

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**2008 KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT
SEEDING COMMITTEE
SEEDING MEETING FORMAT
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008**

4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Overview

KHSAA State Tennis Tournament Seeding Committee members meet with Assistant Commissioner Larry Boucher and Kentucky Tennis Association (KTA) Representatives and review procedures for the seeding meeting and draw.

4:30 p.m. (ET)

Seeding

KHSAA State Tennis Tournament Seeding Committee members divide into a Boys' Committee and a Girls' Committee and select seeded players based on player information submitted by Regional Tournament Managers.

6:30 p.m. (ET)

Coaches Meeting

Both Committees will come back together and the Committee Chairs will announce the seeded players. There will be a comment period (maximum of 30 minutes) for Committee members and coaches in attendance on the seeded players at the conclusion of the seeding meeting announcements, if necessary. Should a challenge be made by a coach, written documentation of match results must be provided by the coaches.

7:00 p.m. (ET)

KHSAA State Tournament Draw

The Draw is verified by KTA Representatives.

KHSAA State Tournament

Seeding Committee

The KHSAA State Tennis Tournament Seeding Committee consists of a Boys' Seeding Committee Chair, a Girls' Seeding Committee Chair, Regional Managers and/or Representatives from each tennis region and representatives from the Kentucky Tennis Association (normally a KTA Representative for the Boys' Committee and a KTA Representative for the Girls' Committee).

2008 KHSAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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8:30 p.m. (ET) Coaches' Meeting
Nutter Field House, University of Kentucky
(Behind Endzone of Commonwealth Stadium)

Thursday, May 22, 2008

9:00 a.m. (ET) *Girls' Competition – Berea College/Madison Southern HS*
(Singles – Berea College/Doubles- Madison Southern HS)
Competition begins and runs throughout the day and evening.

9:00 a.m. (ET) *Boys' Competition – University of Kentucky*
Competition begins and runs throughout the day and evening

Friday, May 23, 2008

9:00 a.m. (ET) *Boys' and Girls' Competition – University of Kentucky*
Tennis competition continues in singles and doubles

Saturday, May 24, 2008

9:00 a.m. (ET) *Boys' and Girls' Competition – University of Kentucky*
Doubles Semi-Finals (Boys and Girls)
11:00 a.m. Singles Semi-Finals (Boys and Girls)
1:00 p.m. Doubles Finals (Boys and Girls)
3:00 p.m. Singles Finals (Boys and Girls)