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TO: COACHES & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AT TENNIS SCHOOLS <i>(One copy of this letter is for the Athletic Director and one copy of the letter & enclosures is for the Head Boys' Tennis Coach)</i>
RE: DISTRICT AND PRELIMINARY SUB-STATE TENNIS INFORMATION

Dear Head Coach & Athletic Director:

This information should help you prepare for boys' district tennis. The largest 48 schools playing tennis are assigned to Class 2A. Class 2A schools are assigned to compete at one of eight, 2A district sites. The remainder of the tennis schools are Class 1A and are assigned to one of eight, 1A district sites. **District Tennis Tournaments will be held Wednesday, May 9 (coaches meeting - 8:00am, with seeding meeting immediately following; play begins after the seeding meeting).** [Rain date: Friday, May 11.]

DISTRICT TENNIS ENTRY BLANK

The IHSAA post-season tennis manual and district and preliminary substate entry blanks can be found online at <https://www.iahsaa.org/tennis/district-and-substate-tennis-information/>. Your completed district entry form should arrive at your district site by the end of the day Monday, May 7. You may either email or fax the completed entry form to the District Manager. Be sure to retain a copy of the completed entry form for your records.

Any coach wishing to make changes to their school's district entry blank must be present **BEFORE** the seeding meeting. Changes in entries must be made before the Tournament Manager announces the seeding meeting is beginning for individual seeding and doubles seeding, respectively. If a coach does not arrive by this time to make changes, then the entry blank sent to the Tournament Manager is that school's official entry. **Coaches, have position records for both singles and doubles available at the coaches meeting.** This information will be used if there are any position challenges issued to the tournament manager by the opposing coaches at the coaches' meeting.

BREAKING TIES FOR THE 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD PLACE TEAM IN DISTRICT COMPETITION

Third-place district matches do not score points, except to break a tie between the first and second-place teams or second and third-place teams. If 3rd place match points are used to break a team tie, 1½ points are awarded for a 3rd place doubles win and 1 point is awarded for a 3rd place singles win. Please refer to the attached team tie-breaker sheet, if needed.

CHANGEOVERS

When players change ends after the first game of each set, or the during any tie-break, there will be no rest period. The first rest period, and coaching opportunity, occurs when players change ends after the 3rd game of a set.

COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

(THERE ARE NO TIMEOUTS TAKEN DURING PLAY.) School coaches have an opportunity to coach their players during each 90-second changeover and during set breaks. **When players change ends after the first game of each set, or the tie-break, there will be no rest period and no opportunity for coaching.** Breaks between sets one and two are limited to 2 minutes and breaks between sets two and three are limited to 10 minutes. ***During consolation play, a 10-Point Match Tie-Break is played instead of a 3rd set. The break between the 2nd set and 10-point match tie-break is 3 minutes.*** School coaches, ***(who should have been introduced at the coaches meeting) or players entered in the tournament and approved by the coach,*** are the only ones permitted to speak to their players from the time the players take the court to warm up for their match until the match is over. It is NOT PERMISSIBLE for club pros, parents, or others, to speak with players during this time. If there is a violation of this rule in district or state competition, the player may be disqualified from further competition.

Note #1: Coaches do NOT need to wait for the opposing coach to be present to use a coaching opportunity.

Note #2: The duration of the 90-second changeovers, and set breaks, is NOT lengthened for coaching opportunities. Players are expected to pick up their drinks and towels at the net post, if they wish to have them, and go immediately to the fence to visit with their coaches.

Note #3: When players change ends at the conclusion of game #1, and during any 7-point set or 10-point match tie-break, there is no delay and no coaching opportunities exist during those times.

INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF INDOOR FACILITIES

All players should be sure to include indoor shoes, preferably with non-marking soles, as part of their gear for all post-season competition due to the possibility of indoor play.

MATCH SCORING FOR DISTRICT MEETS

All matches will be 2 out of 3 sets. Deuce-ad scoring will be used during the championship rounds of district competition. No-ad scoring will be used during consolation play. The 7-point set tie-break will be used for all rounds when the set score is tied "6-6" to determine a "7-6" set winner. ***As per the Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee's recommendation, for all post-season CONSOLATION play, a 10-Point Match Tie-Break will be played instead of a 3rd set.*** New balls are NOT given for this Tie-Break. When a 10-Point Match Tie-Break is used the first individual or doubles team to reach 10 points, and is ahead by two, wins the third set (1-0)(x) (with the x being the number of points won by the losing team).

STATE INDIVIDUAL TENNIS QUALIFIERS

The first and second-place district finishers from each class, in singles and doubles, will qualify for the state tennis meet. A total of 16 individuals and 16 doubles teams will qualify for the state meet in each class. **The State Tennis Meets will be held Friday and Saturday, May 25 & 26.** The Class 2A tournament will be held at Veteran's Tennis Center in Cedar Rapids. The Class 1A tournament will be held at Byrnes Park in Waterloo.

TEAM SCORING AT DISTRICT COMPETITION

The scoring system to determine the teams placing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in district competition will be as follows: **3 points for each doubles' win & 2 points for each singles' win.** Teams receiving a bye in singles or doubles will be awarded the same points as for a win.

TEAM TENNIS QUALIFIERS

The second and third-place teams from each district will play a preliminary sub-state match on the Saturday following district competition, at 10:00am (*unless determined otherwise by the schools' two athletic directors*) with the second-place district team hosting that match. The winner of the preliminary sub-state match will advance to sub-state competition Saturday, May 19. The first-place team from each district site automatically qualifies for **sub-state competition (coaches meeting at 8:30am & play begins immediately following the meeting).** Sub-state sites and assignments will be released following preliminary sub-state competition.

All preliminary sub-state and sub-state team scoring will be two out of three sets, no-ad scoring, 7-point set tie-break. As per the Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee recommendation, ALL POST-SEASON TEAM PLAY ENDS WHEN THE FIRST TEAM SCORES THE FIFTH TEAM POINT.

PRELIMINARY SUB-STATE LINEUPS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT MANAGER BEFORE THE DISTRICT COACHES MEETING. This preliminary sub-state lineup can only be changed due to injury, illness or other school administrator's verified excuse.

The preliminary sub-state lineup does not have to be the same as the sub-state lineup, but sub-state lineups must remain the same for all state tournament competition, except due to injury, illness, or other school administrator's verified excuse. Once a substitution has been made, the lineup remains the same for the remainder of that day.

The lineups for team competition must be in accordance with the current IHSAA Handbook that states the #1 singles players that day must compete against each other, #2 singles players compete against each other, #3 vs. #3, #4 vs. #4, #5 vs. #5 and #6 vs. #6. In doubles, the #1 singles player from each school must play #1 or #2 doubles. Either the #1 or #2 singles players from each school must play on the #1

doubles team, unless they are both being withheld from doubles competition. If the #1 singles player plays on the #1 doubles team, the #2 singles player can play #1, #2 or #3 doubles. **Doubles teams are to be listed in position of strength with the best of the doubles teams submitted that day playing #1; the second-best doubles team that day playing #2, and #3 playing against #3. Please note that substate and state team tennis line ups must remain the same except for injury or illness verified by a school administrator.**

The Class 2A State Team Tennis Tournament will be held at Ankeny Tennis Courts, at Prairie Ridge Sports Complex in Ankeny Tuesday, May 29. The Class 1A State Team Tennis Tournament will be held at Waveland Tennis Courts in Des Moines on the same date. Information about state team tennis will be sent to qualifying schools for the tournament(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alan Beste
Executive Director

*Included: Breaking of Team Ties at District Tennis
 10-Point Match Tie-Break Procedure for CONSOLATION Play
 Introduction of Coaches and Players*

Materials found on IHSAA at <http://www.iahsaa.org/tennis/district-and-substate-tennis-information/>:

*District sites & assignments
District tennis entry blank – fillable so it can be completed online and printed
Preliminary Sub-State Team Tennis Line-up Sheet – fillable so it can be completed online and printed*

BREAKING TIES FOR THE 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD PLACE TEAM SCORE IN DISTRICT COMPETITION

Third place district singles and doubles matches do not score points, except to break a tie between the first- and second-place teams or second- and third-place teams. If 3rd place match points are used to break a team tie, 1½ points are awarded for a 3rd place doubles win and 1 point is awarded for a 3rd place singles win.

If a tie still exists at the end of consolation play, use the following process to break the tie:

Step 1) Use the results of dual meet competition during the current, regular season, if the two teams played. If the two teams did not play in dual meet competition, or if their dual meet record against each other was equal, go to step 2.

Step 2) The team with the GREATEST total difference between sets won minus sets lost in the main draw (championship bracket) involving head-to-head competition of players from the two schools involved in the tie will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, go to step 3.

Step 3) The team with the GREATEST total difference between games won minus games lost in the main draw (championship bracket) involving head-to-head competition of players from the two schools involved in the tie will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, go to step 4.

Step 4) An alphabetical system will be used to determine the sub-state qualifier. In EVEN numbered years the team LAST alphabetically will advance and in ODD numbered years the team FIRST alphabetically will advance.

NOTE #1: Main draw matches do not include preliminary matches or consolation matches.

NOTE #2: If a three-way tie exists for first - third places, the above tie break procedure will be used to determine a team champion first, then the procedure will be repeated to determine the 2nd and 3rd place teams.

ALL THIRD SETS IN POST-SEASON CONSOLATION PLAY WILL BE PLAYED AS A 10-POINT MATCH TIE-BREAK

- The Athletic Association's Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee has recommended, and the Board of Control has approved, that all third sets in post-season consolation play will be played as a 10-Point Match Tie-Break, in lieu of a deciding 3rd set.

- During the 10-Point Match Tie-Break the following rules apply:
 - There is a three-minute break between the 2nd set and the 10-Point Match Tie-Break.
 - New balls are NOT given to the players for the 10-Point Match Tie-Break.
 - Play is continuous during the 10-Point Match Tie-Break and no coaching opportunities exist during the 10-Point Match Tie-Break.
 - Players change ends every six points during the 10-Point Match Tie-Break.
 - Players, or doubles teams, rotate service after the first point and, thereafter, after every two points.
 - The first player, or doubles team, to win ten points, by a margin of two, is declared the winner.
 - The score for the 10-Point Match Tie-Break is recorded as 1-0 (x), with the (x) being the number of points won by the loser.

INTRODUCTION OF COACHES & PLAYERS

- During the pre-meet meeting with coaches and players, the head coaches from each school should be sure all school-approved coaches from their school introduce themselves so there is no confusion about who will be representing each school as a bona-fide coach during coaching opportunities.
 - Remember, players approved by the head coach may also talk to teammate during changeovers.
- When the pairings are announced for each round of competition, the players who are competing should receive the tennis balls for their match and introduce themselves at the location where the tournament manager is stationed so there is no confusion who will be competing in the match. It is each player's and coach's responsibility to be sure players are competing in the correct match.