



# IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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**TO: SUB-STATE TEAM TENNIS QUALIFIERS**

**RE: INFORMATION & LINE-UPS**

Dear Athletic Director and Tennis Coach:

Congratulations on qualifying for sub-state team tennis competition on Saturday, May 18. **The sub-state coaches' meeting will be held at 8:30am with play beginning immediately following the meeting.** Complete information including pairings, sub-state and state team quarterfinal line-up sheets and the post-season manual can be found at this link - <https://www.iahsaa.org/tennis/2019-substate-and-state-team-tennis-information/>. The line-up sheets can be downloaded, completed, saved and printed to take with you to the substate site. **EACH TEAM'S SUBSTATE/STATE QUARTERFINAL LINE-UP SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE SUB-STATE COACHES MEETING.**

**In individual play, the #1 player from school A that day competes against the #1 player from school B; #2 player from team A that day competes against #2 player from team B; #3 vs. #3; #4 vs. #4; #5 vs. #5; and #6 vs. #6. As per the IHSAA Handbook, the #1 singles player from each school must play on either the #1 or #2 doubles team. 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.**

**The state team series line-up cannot not be changed throughout the entire sub-state & state team tennis tournament, except due to injury, illness, or other excuse verified by a school administrator.**

***If a player is unable to participate in sub-state singles competition due injury, illness, or principals validated excuse, all team members move up, rather than substituting for the injured or ill player. Example: If the #3 singles player is absent, #4, #5, #6 move up and the substitute listed on the line-up sheet becomes #6.***

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**If a player is unable to participate in sub-state doubles competition due injury, illness, or administrator's validated excuse**, there is no realignment of players. The substitute simply replaces the absent player. *Example: If #1 & #3 are playing as part of a doubles team and #3 is unable to compete, the substitute listed on the line-up sheet would take the place of #3.* There is no realigning of doubles teams.

**Once a substitution has been made in singles or doubles, the line-up stays the same for the remainder of the day – both sub-state and state team quarterfinal play, if applicable.**

**All scoring for post-season team tennis will be two out of three sets, no-ad scoring, 7-point match tie-break. Any third set in sub-state competition is played as a FULL set. As per the Tennis Coaches Advisory Committee recommendation, ALL post-season team tennis competition ends when either team scores the fifth team point.**

The eight winners of the sub-state matches will advance to the Quarterfinals of State Team Tennis, which will take place one hour after the completion of the sub-state matches at the same location.

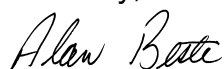
The team not advancing out of the quarterfinals will receive a state team qualifier banner and medals for the players.

The winners of the state team quarterfinal matches will advance to the semifinals of the State Team Tennis Meet. The winners of the quarterfinals will advance to the state team semifinals played on Tuesday, May 28. See the IHSA website for locations and information - <https://www.iahsaa.org/tennis/2019-substate-and-state-team-tennis-information/>

**The teams qualifying for semifinal state team tennis will be seeded by having the coaches of the four qualifying teams in each class indicate whom they feel are the #1 - #4 seeds based on information provided to them regarding regular season competition.** If there is not a majority vote on the seeds, the teams will be bracketed according to the 2018-19 Method of Pairing, approved by the Board of Control at their August 2, 2018 Board meeting. That alphabetical pairing is as follows: Team #1 on line 4, team #2 on line 2, team #3 on line 3, team #4 on line 1. If two seeds are determined by the vote, but there is tie for the other two seeds, those teams determined by the vote will be placed on the appropriate lines of the bracket. The four coaches will vote again to see if the tie between the other two teams can be broken. If there is not a majority vote for the two tied teams on the second vote, those teams will be bracketed according to the 2018-19 Method of Pairing.

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

Sincerely,



Alan Beste  
Executive Director

**SPORTSMANSHIP IN IHSAA POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS** (districts, preliminary substate, substate, and state tournaments) – The responsibility for ensuring that each player practices good sportsmanship lies with each player’s coach. Profanity (*including four-letter words*), racket throwing, or other unsportsmanlike acts cannot be tolerated. **A player may be given a warning, or ejected and disqualified, on the first violation depending upon the severity of the acts, as determined by the player’s coach or meet management. A SECOND WARNING TO THE SAME INDIVIDUAL IS AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.** During team play, if a player is ejected from a singles match, the ejection rule is enforced for that player in both singles and doubles. However, that player’s doubles partner will not be penalized and a substitute, who must already be listed on the lineup sheet, may replace the ejected player in doubles play. **The doubles team positions cannot be realigned. If one partner of a doubles team is ejected and disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during doubles competition, the doubles team forfeits the match and cannot advance or place in the tournament due to the ejection.**

The Tournament Manager may select up to three coaches to serve as the Tournament Committee to help the Tournament Manager enforce good sportsmanship by players and coaches, and make other decisions not specifically covered by the rules. The Tournament Manager’s decision will be final related to all aspects of the tournament not specifically covered by the IHSAA. Upon the recommendation of the Tournament Manager, the IHSAA Administrative Staff will send a letter of reprimand to the school administrators of coaches guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct at IHSAA-sponsored post-season tennis tournaments. **Sportsmanship warnings given during district, preliminary substate, substate, and state competition carry over from match-to-match, round-to-round, and day-to-day of the SAME tournament. A SECOND WARNING TO THE SAME INDIVIDUAL IS AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.** As per IHSAA policy, any student disqualified from an interscholastic contest for flagrant, violent, or verbal misconduct will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled game/meet/date at that level of competition and all other games/meets/dates in the interim at any level, including IHSAA postseason tournaments, in addition to any other penalties the IHSAA or the school may assess. **Sportsmanship warnings given during district, preliminary sub-state, sub-state, and state competition carry over from match-to-match, round-to-round, and day-to-day of the same tournament. State team quarterfinals through team finals is the same tournament. A SECOND WARNING TO THE SAME INDIVIDUAL IS AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.** As per IHSAA policy, any student disqualified from an interscholastic contest for flagrant, violent, or verbal misconduct will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled game/meet/date at that level of competition and all other games/meets/dates in the interim at any level, including IHSAA postseason tournaments, in addition to any other penalties the IHSAA or the school may assess.

**During team play, A player who has been ejected and disqualified from singles play and has been assigned to compete in doubles competition may be substituted for. The substitute for the ejected player must be a player not originally in the doubles team line-up, but on the line up sheet. The doubles team positions cannot be realigned. If one partner of a doubles team is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct during doubles competition, the doubles team forfeits the match.**