

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
2025 BOYS DISTRICT TENNIS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Teams that are assigned in Division 1 and 2 to the South Sectionals will be involved in an open draw. Each school will receive voting instructions no later than April 23, 2025. Starting Sunday, April 27, 2024, until Wednesday, May 1, 2025, each coach must post his teams record, and he then must vote on the ranking of all teams by noon on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Tournament seed results shall be made available by the Tournament Manager to schools assigned to compete within that board's respective district no earlier than 24 hours and no later than two hours prior to the first team going onto the tournament bracket.
 - By board action, starting with the 2021-22 tournaments, ties will be broken as follows:
 - The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.
 - If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years

Once seeds have been determined for each team in the tournament, the seeds will place themselves at a site until the site is filled (Division 1, Mason, 13, and Princeton 14; Division II, Mason, 12 and Princeton, 13). If a school chooses to pass, the next seeded team can place themselves and the seeded team that passed is given the next opportunity.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

- a) Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA guidelines. Fine of \$50.00.
- b) Failure to vote in online voting process to determine seeding. Fine is \$50.00.
- c) Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. Fine is \$150.00.
- d) Failure to show-up for tournament contest / refusal to finish contest which has been started and suspended for any reason is a fine of \$150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except pre-sale ticket revenue.

Teams in the north will compete where they are assigned. Tournament instructions will be communicated no later than April 23, 2025, and the draw meeting will be held either in person or virtually on Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

2. Each high school may enter a maximum of three (3) singles players, two (2) doubles teams, and three (3) alternates. No participant is permitted to take part in both singles and doubles competition.
3. Each team must be accompanied by its coach or faculty representative whose name must be listed on the entry form. If failing to have either, team will be ineligible for tournament.
4. Players must appear at the scheduled time for matches unless they have word from the Tournament Manager that the matches have been postponed. Players must be in proper tennis attire.
5. AP Testing Conflicts – by Board Action, any participant(s) who is involved in taking an AP test will have their match delayed until the participant(s) can arrive immediately following their test. Matches may be moved a day prior at the discretion of the Secretary of the District Board and Tournament Manager to allow for continued play. For any other conflicts or unforeseen circumstances - A single contestant or doubles team more than fifteen (15) minutes late will forfeit the match.
6. In case of rain, the replay date will be set by the Tournament Manager. In case a match is interrupted, it will resume with the score exactly as it was when the match was interrupted. Rental of inside facilities has District Board approval.
7. Changes in schedules after the drawing will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Manager.

8. There will be no substitutions made by a school after a singles player or doubles team has started play in the tournament. Any substitutions at District level must be made from substitution list.
9. The Manager will allow coaches to seed four (4) singles and four (4) doubles.
10. Qualifications from the Sectional to the District Tournament will be four (4) singles and four (4) doubles in both Division I and II. Qualifiers in Division I and Division II to State meet will be four (4) singles and four (4) doubles.
11. TIE BREAKERS RULE - PLEASE CHECK OHSAA WEBSITE.
12. ALL SITE REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THEIR SITE IS COMPLETED. They should be submitted by e-mail to Joe Roberts at SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org for approval, prior to any checks being written. Financial report template can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports> - by clicking the link for "Tournament Report – Non-Flat Fee"

All other rules and regulations are covered by the OHSAA Tournament Regulations – link is below:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Tennis-Boys/BoysTennisTournamentRegulations.pdf>

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