

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

**2024 GIRLS SECTIONAL & DISTRICT TENNIS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Please reference the 2024 Tennis Tournament Regulations and Managers Manual found on [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) for all tournament specific rules and regulations to be followed.
2. Teams that compete at either Princeton High School or Mason High School sites will be involved in an open draw. Each school will receive voting instructions no later than September 13, 2024. The coach will make comments pertinent to his/her team online from Sunday, September 15, to Wednesday, September 18. Online voting will begin on Thursday, September 19, 2024 and conclude at NOON on Saturday, September 21, 2024. The manager will distribute voting results at the mandatory coaches draw meeting on Sunday, September 22, 2024 – Division 1 – 1:00 pm & Division 2 - 2:30 p.m. All ties will be broken prior to the placement of teams on the brackets. By board action, starting with the 2021-22 tournaments, ties will be broken as follows:
  - 10.a.1.) The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.
  - 10.a.2.) 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, 13 and Princeton, 14).

By board action, starting with the 2022-23 tournaments, Passing shall be permitted as follows:

- The number of schools advancing to the district tournament may pass
- All others must place themselves on the bracket when their seed is called

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 for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. The tournament manager shall attempt to call the head coach and/or athletic administrator from the school(s) not present in order for a representative from the missing school(s) to participate in the tournament draw/seed meeting electronically/virtually. If no one attends - Fine is \$150.00.
- c) 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 mailed no later than September 13, 2024, and the draw meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024, 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. A single contestant or doubles team more than fifteen (15) minutes late will forfeit the match.
6. Changes in schedules after the drawing will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Manager.
7. 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.

8. The Manager shall seed four (4) singles and four (4) doubles and coaches shall be notified when this draw is to be made.
9. 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 to State meet will be four (4) singles and four (4) doubles. Qualifiers in Division II to State meet will be four (4) singles and four (4) doubles.
  - a. All qualifiers must participate in the seeding rounds. Failure to participate will mean disqualification.
11. All reports must be emailed to Joe Roberts, Treasurer, [SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org](mailto:SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org).
12. Tickets for all sectional and district tournament games will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing at [www.ohsaa.org/tickets](http://www.ohsaa.org/tickets). A cash ticket option must be offered at all High School sites. Ticket prices will be:
  - a. Admission for all sectional and district tournaments are:
    1. Student (6 years old +) - **\$5.00**
    2. Adults - **\$8.00**
    3. Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission
  - b. School Administrators Passes: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for three school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have three tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament. **There is no admittance without a QR code from HTT.**

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