

To: OHSAA Boys Tennis School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

From: Tyler Brooks, Director of Officiating & Sport Management

Re: Update on Boys Tennis Tournament Ball

I wanted to inform you that the tennis ball that will be provided at all sectional and district tournament sites will be the Wilson Trinité Club ball, as opposed to our standard Wilson US Open ball.

We were informed on April 13 that due to delay in supply because of factory shutdowns that Wilson literally has no US Open tennis balls for sale. This is the case across the country from retail, team, institutional orders, etc.

The Trinité Club balls are USTA approved and their full specifications provided by Wilson are at the bottom of this email. Wilson confirmed the "club" version of the Trinité is the exact same quality as the regular "Trinité" ball. They created the club version for less packaging since this ball does not require the use of the traditional tennis ball can.

I wanted to share this information with our boys tennis schools so that you can prepare for tournament play with this ball if you would like to.

Additionally, we will permit schools to provide their own balls for their sectional and district matches if they would like. For this to occur:

- 1 - The can of balls must be new with the can still sealed prior to the match.
- 2 - The ball must be mutually agreed upon by both coaches prior to the match beginning. If both coaches do not agree on a school-supplied ball, then the site-supplied Trinité Club ball will be used.
- 3 - If schools choose to supply their own balls for their sectional and district matches, they will not be reimbursed for use of their balls.

At the state tournament we will use the Wilson US Open ball. Fortunately, we have enough Wilson US Open balls from our shipment in the fall for the girls state tournament.

This is not an ideal situation for anyone, but we will work through it and make the best of the situation for the kids competing.

Please email me if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Trinité Club Tennis Ball:

- Trinité is ITF and USTA Approved for match play
- It is the official ball for the WTA Future Stars Tournament in Shenzhen, China
- We are planning to use this ball for the Battle of the Bay Invitational in 2021 (NCAA D1 Fall Invitational)
- It is durable and can be used on multiple surfaces (Hard Courts, Clay Courts, and High Altitude)
- It's a low pressure ball (NOT PRESSURELESS) but it bounces and plays like a normal tennis ball
- Since it has very low pressure, it does not come in a pressurize can.

- Triniti is packaged in a fully recyclable octagonal paper container or completely loose in a box for Triniti Club
- There is no difference in playability between Triniti and Triniti Club (which we are recommending for the NJCAA Women's Tournament due to inventory reasons) except for packaging
- Triniti is durable and it lasts 3 times as long as a normal tennis ball
- Triniti is 50% more flexible than the normal ball so it is easier on the arm, it provides a better feel, and has less felt restriction
- It also has a high visible felt just like the US Open Ball

The link below explains the story and innovation on Triniti Tennis Ball on Wilson.com

<https://www.wilson.com/en-us/explore/tennis/triniti>



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