

To: OHSAA Boys Tennis School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

From: Tyler Brooks, Director of Officiating & Sport Management

Re: Introduction and Information

Good morning!

My name is Tyler Brooks and due to some staff turnover, I am the sport administrator for the sport of boys tennis for the 2021 season.

My other responsibilities at the OHSAA include administering the sport of wrestling as well as numerous duties within the officiating department.

Please contact me with any questions related to boys tennis for the 2021 season. I may not have the answers right away, but I will work to get the information and support that you need from the OHSAA office.

Please review the information below. I look forward to working with the boys tennis community this spring! Best of luck and health to your team!

1 - Mandatory State Rules Interpretation Meeting

As you are already aware, each school is required to complete the online state rules interpretation meeting through myOHSAA. If you have not done so already, please login to your myOHSAA profile and complete the meeting. Upon completion, please contact your AD to verify your attendance is reflected accurately in myOHSAA. The deadlines are listed below:

SPORT	START DATE	LATE FEE BEGINS	END DATE
Boys Tennis	Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 am	Saturday, March 27	Monday, April 26 at 11:59 pm

2 - Friends at Court Link

Unlike most OHSAA sports, boys tennis coaches do not receive a mailed rule book from the OHSAA. This is largely because the sport of boys tennis does not use NFHS playing rules, but rather the USTA's "Friend at Court - Handbook of Rules and Regulations".

This resource is available online at no cost here:

[https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2021-pdfs/2021%20Friend%20at%20Court%20\(FAC\).pdf](https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2021-pdfs/2021%20Friend%20at%20Court%20(FAC).pdf)

3 - Requirements and Recommendations Document

In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health, each OHSAA sport has a "rules modifications and recommendations" document that schools are required to adhere to during this pandemic season.

If you have not done so already, please review the document below with your AD, your coaching staff, your team, and your parents:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Tennis-Boys/2021/BoysTennisModificationsRequirements.pdf>

You may not like or agree with some of the requirements listed in this document, but everyone must maintain some perspective this season as we attempt to conduct an interscholastic season as safely as possible during this pandemic.

4 - Waiver for Non-Interscholastic Competition

OHSAA regulations permit schools to request a waiver of General Sports Regulation 7.2.2 – Participating on Non-School Teams. The waiver, permitting non-interscholastic participation during the school season once a student has participated on the school team, may be granted up to two times per school season. Each waiver is good for one event. To be considered one event, all play in the event must have an established start and end date not to exceed 7 consecutive days. No waivers will be granted for events taking place after **April 25, 2021**. This waiver request must be submitted by a school administrator. NO waivers from a coach, student, or student's parent(s) will be acknowledged.

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Tennis-Boys/2021/WaiverRequestForm.pdf>



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