

2024 REGULATIONS FOR GIRLS' TENNIS TOURNAMENTS
Sectional – District- State

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They have been adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on June 9, 2024. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary by the Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. It should be noted that, besides these tournament regulations, all regulations within the OHSAA Handbook (Bylaws, General Sports Regulations and Tennis Regulations) shall be followed.

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1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each District Athletic Board (DAB) organizes and conducts Sectional and District Tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. Sectional / District site managers will receive supplemental information from respective District Athletic Boards. Site selection and play dates of Sectional / District tournaments are at the discretion of each District Athletic Board.
- B. The State Tournament is under the direct control of the Executive Director's Office.
- C. The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date or time of any state tournament assignment.
- D. Completion of the OHSAA Tournament Entry Form is the school's agreement to play at the site, day and time assigned by the District Athletic Board and/or Executive Director's office.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

- A. All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Only one school team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate.
- B. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.
- C. Only Board of Education approved coaches with valid Pupil Activity Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education are permitted to coach and/or be in the bench area prior to, during, and after any tournament contest.

3. DIVISIONS

There will be two Divisions (I, II) in the Sectional, District and State tournaments in tennis.

4. TOURNAMENT ENTRY

A. Tournament Entry / Withdraw

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2024 OHSAA Girls Tennis Tournament must indicate their intent to participate on their 2024-25 OHSAA Sports Participation "Card" in myOHSAA. Tournament entry confirmation ends September 9, 2024, without penalty. **Schools that change or update their tournament participation after September 16, 2024 will be subject to a \$150 penalty.**

B. Tournament Paperwork Requirements

A member school will submit their tournament entries per the instructions of the respective District Athletic Board. The state tournament souvenir program includes a student's name as well as grade level, thus it is important to collect this information.

C. Tournament Participation Report

The OHSAA Board of Directors semi-annually sets up the representation from each district based upon the number of teams actually participating in the tournaments. Please complete & email the attached **Participation Form (pg.13)** to John Kronour (jkronour@ohsaa.org) **IMMEDIATELY** following the sectional tournament.

5. 2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Sectional: SEPT. 30 – OCT. 5 # (specific dates to be established by District Athletic Boards)
District: OCTOBER 7-11 (specific dates to be established by District Athletic Boards)
State: OCTOBER 17-18 – College of Wooster – 850 Venture Blvd. Wooster, OH 44691

Unless an earlier date is established by a District Athletic Board (no earlier than two days prior to the established date). Thus, the sectional tournament may start as early as September 28, 2024.

For sectional and district tournament assignments along with sites, dates, and managers information, visit each OHSAA District Athletic Board website:

Central – <https://www.ohsaa.org/CDAB>

Northwest – <https://www.ohsaa.org/NWDAB-Home>

East – <https://www.ohsaa.org/EDAB>

Southeast – <https://www.ohsaa.org/SEDAB>

Northeast – <https://www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB>

Southwest – <https://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home>

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

A. Sectional Tournaments

Substitutions may be made in the Sectional Tournaments for singles players or players on the doubles teams from the substitute list prior to the start of competition. Once a player participates, that same player must continue through the sectional tournament. All participants must be listed on the entry form or substitute list.

Note: Substitutes shall not include players who were entered as a singles or doubles participant at the Sectional Tournament Seeding meeting. **Students entered as participants (not substitutes) at the Seed Meeting who do not participate may not subsequently be a 'substitute' at any level of the tournament. These student's names would not have appeared on the substitute list on the entry form.**

B. District Tournaments or State Tournaments

Once a student participates at the District Tournament, that same student must continue through the District Tournament. This same policy applies to participation at the State Tournament.

NO substitutes for singles permitted. A substitute for a player on a doubles team that has qualified for the next highest tournament is permitted prior to the first match of that respective tournament, but the substitute must be made from the list of substitutes that did not compete in the Sectional or District tournaments. A singles player or doubles team that is not present at a tournament shall not advance.

7. FAILURE TO APPEAR

When national playing rules do not address failure to appear, the following regulations will apply.

- A. If a team or individual participant fails to appear or is not ready to compete at the time of their scheduled competition, the team or individual participant shall be disqualified and removed from the event or tournament competition. **(see page 6 for the correct terminology to post on the draw)**

All decisions relative to this regulation shall be made by a member of the respective district athletic board for sectional and district tennis tournaments or the OHSAA Executive Director's Office for the state tournament.

- B. The OHSAA, in collaboration with the administrative staff, District Athletic Boards and / or Board of Directors, and the tournament manager, may delay or reschedule a tournament contest / competition provided it is practical to delay or reschedule such contests / competitions.

8. SEEDING AND DRAWING FOR SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

A. Seeding

Coaches shall be notified when the draw is scheduled so they may be present to help with the seeding in the Sectional Tournaments. The common draw date has currently been established as **September 22, 2024**, by the Board of Directors. Each athletic district shall hold the tennis draw on the same date. The draw is to be held at 2:00 pm no exceptions.

B. Regulations

1. Seeding is mandatory in Sectional Tournaments. No voted seeding is permitted for District or State Tournaments.
2. For seeding purposes the last matches to be counted will be those played on the date established by the District Board.
3. The number of singles / doubles to be seeded will be four.
4. Number one and two doubles, from the same team must be in opposite half brackets.
5. The three singles players from the same school must be placed in different quarter brackets.
6. There will be one seeded player in each quarter bracket and number one and two seeds must be in opposite half brackets.
7. Byes shall be placed evenly throughout the brackets.

C. Tournament Seeding Procedures

1. Nominations of Seeds

- a. Each school coach shall have the records compiled for the singles players and double teams to be nominated for a seed and given to the tournament manager at the seed meeting. All regular season matches played shall be recorded. The records will include the number of wins and losses in the Divisions played,

Example: 22 team match schedule – Division I school *

12 wins – 2 losses – D1

7 wins – 1 loss – D2

* It is recognized that at the time of the draw/seed meeting schools teams most likely will not have participated in 22 school matches.

- b. Coaches shall nominate singles players and doubles teams to be considered for seeds. Many factors may be considered when seeding students, not just actual records. The quality of competition as well as past OHSAA tournament performance may also be considered. Records of the nominated seeds shall be recorded for all to see.

2. Voting for Seeded – Singles and Doubles

- a. All coaches shall vote verbally selecting their choice for the #1 seed. The player(s) with the greatest number of votes shall be #1 seed.
- b. Once #1 seed has been determined, the coaches shall vote verbally selecting their choice for #2 seed and etc. until the required number of seeds is obtained.
- c. In case of a tie only the players tied will be revoted on.
- d. If a tie should occur the second time, a flip of the coin shall determine the seeded player.
- e. Once a seed has been determined, it may not be withdrawn.
- f. The tournament manager or a designee shall record the seeds numerically for all to see.

3. Drawing for Unseeded #1 singles:

- a. The unseeded #1 player shall draw so that the alphabetical order of draw will go from **A-Z**.
- b. The unseeded #1 players shall draw according to the name that the school goes by using the OHSAA directory for the current year as a reference for alphabetical listing, e.g. Delphos St. John's – St. John's
- c. A representative of each school's unseeded #1 must draw a numbered pill which indicates the order of choice for placement on the brackets.

- d. The order of draw of unseeded #1 players shall be announced and made public before placement of players on the bracket.

4. Placement of #1 Players on Bracket:

- a. The placement of #1 players on the brackets shall take place after the selection of seeded players and order of draw for unseeded players has been announced and made public.
 - b. One space must be left on each quarter or half bracket for a seeded player with no more than one seeded player per quarter or half bracket where a brackets calls for seeded player.
 - c. First seed has first choice to go any place on bracket.
 - d. If #1 seed passes, #2 seed may go to any place on bracket.
 - e. If #2 seed passes, #3 has choice.
 - f. If a seeded players passes, the choice then goes to the next seeded player.
 - g. If all seeded players pass, then unseeded #1 player with the No. 1 pill (or randomly drawn) shall place itself on the bracket.
 - h. Any time a seeded or unseeded player is placed on the bracket, the top seeded player not placed on the bracket shall have next choice. If they pass, the next seeded player would have their choice to pass or be placed on the bracket, etc.
 - i. Keep in mind that any time a seeded player places themselves on the bracket, the top seeded player not placed on the bracket shall have the next choice. If all pass or place themselves on the bracket, then the next unseeded #1 player in order of the number of pill shall be placed on the bracket.
 - j. This procedure would be followed until all first single players have been placed on the bracket.
5. After the first singles players have been placed, draw order for the second singles players is done in the same manner.
Note: Number one and two singles players from the same team must be in different quarter brackets.
 6. After the first and second singles players have been placed, draw order for the third singles is then done. Third single players must be in opposite quarter brackets from the first and second single players from the same team.
 7. After third single players have been placed on bracket (draw completed), conduct draw for doubles teams. Following the same procedure as outlined for singles, begin with item 2.

Note: If a school fails to have a representative present at the draw and seeding meeting, the manager shall place the player(s) on the open bracket after all other players have been placed on the bracket. If more than one school fails to have a representative at the draw / seed meeting, the manager shall place the players on the bracket according to the alphabetical order of draw for unseeded players after all others have been placed on the bracket.

9. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

There shall be a minimum of 30 minutes between matches in Sectional Tournaments for all competitors.

There shall be a minimum of 45 minutes between matches in District Tournaments for all competitors.

There shall be a minimum of ONE HOUR between matches at the State Tournament, weather permitting.

If inclement weather (e.g. precipitation) is probable during the State Tournament, and participants are agreeable there shall be a minimum of 45 minutes between matches for all competitors. If matches have been moved indoors, there shall be a minimum of 45 minutes at the state tournament for all qualifiers.

NOTE: These are minimum 'rest' requirements. There may be an instance when more rest is recommended, especially when playing in hot and / or humid conditions or when a participant has had an exceptionally long match preceding the match in question. Safety First.

If it is anticipated that matches will be played in extreme heat and / or humidity, the tournament manager may move tournament matches to an indoor facility.

10. TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

To enter the District tournament, a singles player or doubles team must first qualify from the Sectional Tournament.

Substitutions may be made for players on the doubles team (but not singles participants) qualifying for the District and /

or State tournaments but they must be made from the substitute list and must be competitors who did not participate in the sectional or district tournament. Substitutions for a doubles team must also be made prior to the start of the respective tournament. No student may participate in both singles and doubles at any level of the OHSAA tournament.

NOTE: See the policy (#5)

All tournament contests must be played to a winner.

- a. **Sectional to District Tournament:** The District tournaments will be comprised of the qualifiers from the sectional tournaments. Each sectional tournament will qualify singles players and doubles teams as determined by each respective District Athletic Board.

Division I – Singles and Doubles		Division II – Singles and Doubles	
District	Qualifiers	District	Qualifiers
C/SE combined	16	C/E combined	10 8 C and 2 E
NE/E combined	16	SE	8
NW	16	NE	16
SW	16	NW	16
		SW	16

The number of teams participating at the first level of the tournament may not require that four separate sectionals be held in respective districts, thus affecting the number of qualifiers to the district tournament(s).

- b. **District to State Tournament:** The District Athletic Board hosting a District Tournament will inform the manager of the tournament of the number of singles players and doubles teams the tournament shall qualify to the State Tournament. The qualifiers from the District to the State Tournament shall be:

DIVISION I – Singles and Doubles		DIVISION II – Singles and Doubles	
District	Qualifiers	District	Qualifiers
C/E/SE combined	4	C/E combined	2
NE/E combined	6	SE	1
NW	2	NE	5
SW	4	NW	4
		SW	4

11. DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAW

The District Athletic Board hosting a District tournament shall conduct the District tournament draw using the following criteria:

- A. The four qualifiers from each sectional will be placed in separate quarter brackets.
- B. First and second place qualifiers from a sectional must be placed in opposite half brackets.
- C. Third and fourth place qualifiers from a sectional must be placed in opposite half brackets.
- D. First round District Tournament matches will pair sectional winners versus fourth place qualifiers from a different sectional, and sectional runners-up versus third place qualifiers from a different sectional.
- E. There may not be four distinct sectionals, thus there may not be four qualifiers. The number of teams/individuals participating in each athletic district varies.

12. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the Sectional, District, or State Tournaments unless accompanied by that school’s board approved and ODE certified coach or person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body for a non-public school. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by a board approved coach or authorized person will be disqualified. **The school representative shall be present during the entire play of their entries (including warm-ups).**

NOTE: All school coaches must possess the proper, valid credentials required by the Ohio Department of Education.

13. AWARDS

Awards presented at the site of the District or State Tournaments must be approved by the OHSAA.

- A. Sectional Tournaments – awards will not be awarded by the OHSAA
- B. District Tournaments – an award will be presented to qualifying State Tournament participants in singles and doubles.

In a District Tournament where there is only a single qualifier, the “runner-up” shall also receive an award.

- C. State Tournament – an award will be presented to the winner, runner-up, third and fourth place finishers in singles and doubles.

14. VOLUNTARILY DEFAULTING MATCHES

A player who voluntarily defaults a match, other than for injury or illness, shall be disqualified from further OHSAA tournament participation that school year and is not eligible to receive an OHSAA tournament award. A singles player and / or a doubles team must be **present** at a match to advance. **Note:** See the substitution Rule (#6) and Failure to Appear (#7)

Here are the definitions of four different ways a match can end without being played out:

Forfeit: fails to turn up or doesn't start the match, other than for injury, illness or personal emergency

Default: the referee (tournament manager) does not allow the player to begin or continue a match (not showing up, lateness)

Walkover: when that player is unable to play a subsequent match due to illness, injury, or personal emergency

Retire: a player is unable to continue play during a match for reasons of illness, injury or personal emergency.

How to post on a draw or for the media:

forfeit: clearly written as “forfeit”

Default: clearly written as “default”

walkover: “WO, ill or inj” or “walkover, ill or inj” use this if the match has not begun and the players reported it to the referee, or manager.

Retire: if match has games already played then the score (6-4, 0-3 ret.,ill or inj.)

15. MEDICAL TIMEOUTS

See the 2024 Coaches Manual for complete details.

16. RULES

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules, unless modified by the OHSAA shall prevail for all tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA unless otherwise noted.

All tournament matches shall be the best of three sets. Exception: When a tournament is played in extreme heat or humidity, the tournament managers, after consultation with the appropriate district athletic board, may decide that participants will play a match tiebreaker in lieu of a third set. The tournament manager, after consultation with the appropriate district athletic board, may also decide to play a match with “no ad” scoring. The decision to play a match tiebreaker in lieu of a third set or a match with “no ad” scoring should be made prior to the start of the match.

17. LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Recognition and Management

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials should be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distant between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

Monitor Weather Patterns – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.

National Weather Service - Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS.

For more on an Inclement Weather incident (management, evacuation, and thirty-minute rule) consult the Tournament Managers Manual or Coaches Manual

18. INTERRUPTED TOURNAMENT

Any OHSAA tournament interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

19. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Players must wear an appropriate school uniform or proper tennis attire, preferably in school's colors, in ALL tournament matches. Appropriate tennis attire is defined as clothing specifically manufactured for tennis wear. Any lettering or pictures on clothing and/or headgear must pertain to the school's name or school emblem, the student's name, a tennis racquet and/or tennis ball, or a patriotic in nature (e.g. United States flag).

Exception – Manufacturer's names or logos are permitted on all tennis uniforms provided they do not exceed one and one-half inches in height. Girls have the option of tennis dress or school uniform.

"Doubles" teams players shall wear color tops that are of similar school color(s) but do not need to be similar styles.

Any visible undergarments that extend below the uniform shorts, dress, or skirt shall be the same color of the shorts or skirt or represent school colors or be all white or all black, or all gray.

The dress code is to be enforced by the tournament manager. Failure to comply will result in a player being denied the to participate. Any clothing deemed to be 'reflective' or 'distractive' in nature by the tournament manager will not be permitted. Slogans or phrases, such as "state bound", "we slam", or nicknames are not permitted on uniforms at any levels of the tournament.

Participants may wear apparel sold by the OHSAA vendor. Complete text of uniform regulations is included in the tennis sports regulations.

20. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

A. During participation in OHSAA tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as all contests in that sport until two regular season or tournament contests are played (if ejected from the OHSAA tennis tournament, the ejection policy applies to tournament competition). The ejection policy is indicated in the OHSAA General Regulations.

Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it.

Participation in an athletic contest is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct herself or himself in an exemplary manner while participating.

B. Any player or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until FOUR regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

21. PROPERTY DAMAGE

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to competing school could be legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at the state-sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

22. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the Sectional, District and State tennis tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited without the permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for Sectional or District tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director's office for the State Tournaments.

23. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, signs, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program. There may be instances where it is extremely difficult to "cover" a sign in those instances, the Executive Director's Office should be consulted.

24. RAFFLES PROHIBITED

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of OHSAA tennis tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending with the conclusion of the final match.

25. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

26. ADMISSION

Student Tickets - \$5.00 per person per day

General Admission Tickets - \$8.00 per person per day

- Children age 5 and under will not be charged admission.
- Tickets will be handled by the OHSAA's online partner, HomeTown ticketing and procedures will be shared with the participating schools.
- 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.



THE 49TH ANNUAL GIRLS STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS
The College of Wooster, October 17-18, 2024
Scott Long, Manager

REGULATIONS

The regulations for Sectional and District tennis tournaments shall apply to the State Tennis tournament in addition to those listed below.

TOURNAMENT LOCATION:

College of Wooster – Tennis Facility
801 E. Wayne Ave.
Wooster, OH 44691

STATE TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT STAFF

The State tennis tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the Ohio High School Athletic Association with the cooperation of the College of Wooster.

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OFFICIALS AND COACHES MEETINGS

- a. The officials meeting will take place on either **Wednesday, October 17-18, 2024** at 7pm at the officials hotel or **Thursday, October 17** at 7:30am in the officials tent next to the courts.
- b. Both coaches' meetings will take place on **Thursday, October 17, 2024** at **8am** at a yet to be determined location in close proximity to the tennis facility.
- c. All semi-final qualifying participants and coaches shall assemble at **8:30am, Friday, October 18** at a yet to be determined location proximity to the tennis facility.
- d. Information will be available on the OHSAA website (ohsaa.org) if inclement weather interferes with the tournament.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the sectional, district, or state tournaments unless accompanied by the school's board approved coach or person authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body for a non-public school. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by the school's board approved coach or authorized person will be disqualified. The school representative shall be present during the play of their entries. No club or private coaches or family members may warm up or coach a participant during the tournament. **Only an individual who has been authorized by the Board of Education or similar governing body, or member of the school team, may participate in interscholastic match/contest activities, including official warmups.**

ENTRIES

Singles and Doubles players that qualify from a District Tournament are automatically entered in a State Tournament. No additional information is necessary.

STATE SEEDING

Placement on brackets in Division I & Division II single shall be conducted in the Executive Director's office. The following criteria is suggested:

- A. The qualifiers from each of the District tournaments shall be placed in the brackets as follows:
 1. First and second place qualifiers from each district will be placed in opposite half brackets.
 2. Third and fourth place qualifiers from each district will be placed in opposite half brackets.
 3. Fifth and sixth place qualifiers will be placed in different quarter brackets.
 4. Qualifiers from the same District Tournament shall not meet in the first round of play.
- B. A play-off shall be held for third and fourth place in the State tournament for both singles and doubles. The sequence of play, whether prior to the finals, or concurrent with the final matches, will be left to the discretion of the tournament manager.
- C. Division II will have five #1 seeds, reflective of the five District tournaments. As a result of five #1 seeds, a #1 seed may and mostly likely will play a #3 seed in the first round. Number two seeds may also face each other in the first round. Because there are five #1 seeds, and a representation varies between athletic districts, #1 seeds may face each other during the 2nd round of play.
- D. In addition to have five (5) seeds in DII, one district will have only one state representative in singles and doubles, while another district will have five (5) or six (6) representatives. This makes it difficult when seeding to keep individuals from the same district from participating against each other in early rounds.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Thursday, October 17, 2024 – College of Wooster – Play begins at 9am**
First and second round competition in Division I and II singles and doubles. Division II singles players followed by Division I singles players followed by the doubles teams.
- **Friday, October 18, 2024 – College of Wooster – Play begins at 9am**
Semifinal and finals competition in Division I and II singles and doubles.
- Please check the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) for updates when there are inclement weather conditions.

ADMISSIONS & PASSES

The tickets will be sold online at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>

- **Student Tickets - \$10.00 per person per day**
- **General Admission - \$16.00 per person per day**
 - Children age 5 and under will not be charged admission.
 - Tickets will be handled by HomeTown Ticketing
 - Note: General Admission ticket price includes parking

For each separate school entry (one single entry, one single and double entry, two singles entries, etc.) a Board of Education (or similar governing body) approved coach is permitted complimentary admission.

Any other Board Approved coach, wishing to coach from courtside will need to purchase a General Admission ticket. Once inside the facility, they can check in at the Manager's tent to receive their "Court Pass". There will be a limit to ONE additional court pass per team.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

Transportation, meals and lodging shall be the responsibility of the school or the participants.

MEDIA

Credentials may be obtained by contacting Tim Stried, OHSAA Director of Media Relations, at 614-267-2502, ext. 124, or tstried@ohsaa.org. Note that the OHSAA prohibits live television or video streaming of tournament contests unless prior permission has been obtained.

Media members must show company identification (company ID card or letter from superior on company letterhead) for complimentary admittance.



Ohio Tennis Coaches' Association/OHSAA Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Ohio Tennis Coaches' Association and the OHSAA and is used for all OHSAA tournament and school matches. In some cases, it supersedes USTA regulations. Players can incur Code Violation Penalties for actions not only during the match, but also before and after the match. In dual matches, even though the home coach is the referee, both coaches MAY and SHALL enforce these regulations. It is suggested that, before each tournament or match, each participant be advised that the OHSAA point penalty will be enforced. Penalties for code violations are accumulative and follow the listed progressions.

Time Violations

1. In OHSAA-sponsored tournaments where there is a meeting of the manager and coaches – The penalties for time violations in No. 1 are:
15 minutes late for meeting: Loss of Coin Toss Plus One Game Each
additional 5 minutes late: Loss of Game; Up to Three Game
2. Not starting play within 25 seconds after a 10-minute warm-up.
3. The receiver must play at the reasonable pace of the server and must be ready to receive when the server is ready to serve.
4. 90-second rule on game changeover.
5. Violations of continuous coaching guidelines – The penalties for violations in No. 2, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 are:
1st Offense: Warning
Each Subsequent Offense: Point
6. ANY unsporting conduct including but not limited to:
 - 6.1. Prolonging an argument after being directed to play
 - 6.2. Visible or audible profanity.
 - 6.3. Abuse of racquet, balls or equipment.
 - 6.4. Abusive conduct by a player or a person associated with a player.
 - 6.5. Taunting or baiting an opponent (any attempt to embarrass, ridicule or demean another person).
 - 6.6. In an officiated match, excessive overrules by an official, or excessive appeals by a player can be deemed unsporting conduct and penalized as such.

The penalties for violations of No. 6 above are:

1st Offense	Point
2nd Offense:	Game
3rd Offense:	Disqualification

7. Code Violations Resulting in Immediate Disqualification:
 - 7.1. Verbal or physical abuse of player or official.
 - 7.2. Extreme unsporting behavior.
 - 7.3. Not resuming play after 5 minutes following a treatment of an injury or illness.
 - 7.4. Being late for a tournament match (10 minutes) after the match has been called to start. (This is after the coach has reported to the tournament manager that they are present. A team still has 30 minutes to report to the tournament at the sectional and district tournament level.)

Note: These are minimum regulations, and, depending upon the severity of the situation, a coach or official may issue a penalty more severe than is listed.

Note For Fans:

Fans are also encouraged to practice good sporting behavior. Please do not approach officials, tournament managers or OHSAA staff. Let the coaches coach, let the players play, let the officials officiate.



2024 OHSAA GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION FORM

The OHSAA Board of Directors semi-annually sets up the representation from each district based upon the number of teams actually participating in the tournaments. Please list the school and the number of participants that actually participated in the tournament. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Tournament Date: _____ District: _____

Tournament Location: _____

Tournament Manager: _____ Division: _____

Schools Represented by Singles and Doubles

	SCHOOLS (alphabetical order)	NO. OF SINGLES PLAYERS	NO. OF DOUBLES TEAMS
1.			
2.			
3.			
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22.			
23.			
24.			

Schools that did not participate as registered

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please complete and **EMAIL** to **John Kronour** (jkronour@ohssa.org) no later than **October 19, 2024**