



WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Coaches of Schools Sponsoring Girls Tennis

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This document includes information necessary for participation in the 2026 Girls tennis tournament series. Please review the Fall Sports Edition of Season Regulations for details regarding warm-ups, rest periods, coaching during play, substitutions, etc. The specific tournament assignments and time schedules will appear on the Girls tennis page of the WIAA website. If you have additional questions, you are encouraged to call me at (715) 883-1178 -or- email me.

REMINDERS

- * Coaching is allowed during any changeover (except the first of a set) for a maximum of 90 seconds beginning with completion of the last point. First offense - warning, second and subsequent offenses - point penalty.
- * The order of play on Thursday at the State Individual Meet is adjusted to allow Division 1 to finish, then begin Division 2 matches.
 - * **New 2022 - A 3rd set match tie-break will be played for all tournament series matches (subsectional, sectional, Individual State and Team State Tournaments).**

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION

- A school must participate in a minimum of **four** meets during the regular season.
- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets, more than six multi-school meets during the regular season, or scheduled more than one varsity meet per day. ***A varsity event where a varsity reserve or JV team competes in a varsity event counts toward a school/team's maximum of 14 varsity events for the season.***
- Individuals may not compete in the tournament program if they have participated in more than 14 meets, more than six multi-school meets during the regular season.

WITHDRAW REGULATION

If a player is unable to compete (withdraws, retires, defaults, walks over, or disqualifies herself/himself) from a match during the regular season that the player/team records a loss on the season record for that match. During WIAA tournament play, the player may not return to play that day. If a match is in progress, the score shall stand, any additional sets not yet played will be scored 2-0; for a match not yet begun 2-0, 2-0.

THIRD SET MATCH TIE-BREAK

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***** SUBSECTIONALS *****

ONLINE ENTRIES

Tennis subsectional online entries must be submitted by **noon Thursday, October 1st**. Subsectional changes will be allowed until **noon, Sunday, October 4th**. Again, this is to allow you to include conference tournament matches in season records and to allow every coach to see your player(s) match-by-match summary for the year. Coaches are responsible for the accuracy of this information.

1. **Division 1:** Flights 1, 2, and 3 singles **and** Flights 1 and 2 doubles--Players shall play in a minimum of **six** matches during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament. Flight 4 singles and Flight 3 doubles is not subject to this match requirement.
2. **Division 2:** Flights 1, 2, and 3 singles **and** Flights 1 and 2 doubles--Players shall play in a minimum of **five** matches during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament. Flight 4 singles and Flight 3 doubles are not subject to this match requirement.
3. Singles and doubles teams who do not meet this criteria must be approved by the WIAA.
4. Coaches who do not plan to attend the seeding meeting must send the subsectional manager enough copies of the above mentioned information prior to the date of the seeding meeting.

CHALLENGING A TEAM'S LINE-UP

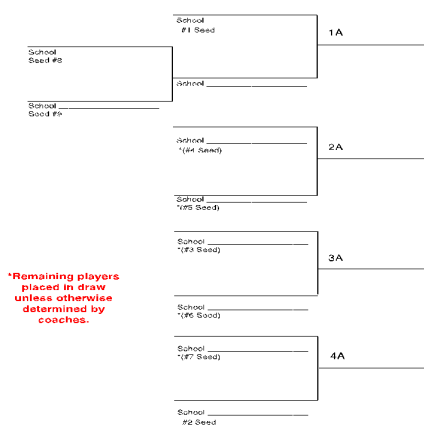
1. When a coach requests a review of a team's line-up, a majority vote of the coaches at the subsectional meeting shall be used to determine whether or not a team's line-up is ranked in position according to their ability.
2. If a team's line-up is determined to be out of order, the impacted coach shall provide a corrected line-up to be reviewed by the WIAA.

SEEDING MEETING

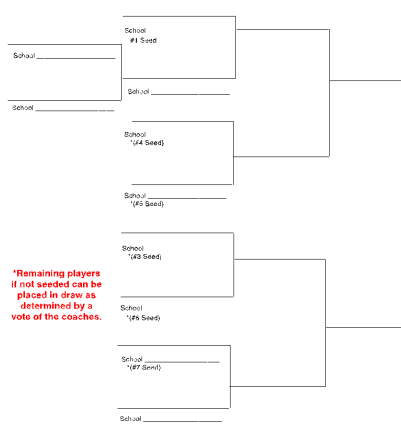
The seeding meeting will be held prior to the start of subsectional competition. Seeding meetings may also be held via email, teleconference calls, video conference and/or other telecommunication means. Your school should have someone present at this meeting. You will receive an invitation to request a seed for an individual or doubles team at the subsectional tournament, from TennisReporting. The player season record form must be submitted to the subsectional manager prior to the start of the seeding meeting. A singles player (Flights 1, 2, and 3) or doubles team (Flights 1 and 2) shall play three matches in that flight during the regular season to be considered for a seed at that same flight in the subsectional tournament. Forfeitures and retirements due to a violation of the USTA's maximum number of matches per day rule, following a completed match, are not to be used for seeding purposes.

There will be five seeds per flight by a majority vote of the coaches. Additional seeds and placements are allowable.

Subsectional Brackets—D1 & D2; Flight 1



Subsectional Brackets—D1 & D2; Flights 2-4



- b. Seeding:
- (1) Divisions 1 & 2 - Flight 1 - Singles and Doubles - Players advancing from the subsectional will be cross bracketed as follows:

Subsectional A	Subsectional B	SECTIONAL BRACKETING
1A	1B	1A
2A	2B	2B
3A	3B	3A
4A	4B	4B
 - (2) Divisions 1 & 2 - Flights 2, 3, and 4 - Singles and Flights 2 and 3 Doubles - A crossover system will be used as follows:

Subsectional A	Subsectional B	SECTIONAL BRACKETING
1A	2A	1A
1B	2B	2B
3A	3B	3A
4A	4B	4B
 - (3) A third place playoff will be held for third in each flight.

Note: Actual brackets are located in season regulations/tournament procedures, pages 53-54.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Following are the substitution options available from the time subsectional lineups are turned in until the first match of the subsectional is assigned to a court for reason of injury, illness, or school discipline:
 - a. Move everyone up. (Can't substitute from singles-to-doubles or vice-versa.)
 - b. Direct substitution at that position.
Note: The flight shall be reseeded only if the player being replaced had received a seed.
2. A singles player cannot be replaced after the tournament series has begun.
Note: Subsectional and sectional regarded as one tournament.
3. A doubles team cannot be changed:
 - a. For any reason before a match ends.
 - b. Except if a coach presents a physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate.
 - c. Except if a coach presents a letter from their school principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school.
 - d. Unless the WIAA approves a change.**Note:** Subsectional and sectional are regarded as one tournament and each State tournament is regarded as a separate tournament.
4. A replaced player may not return to competition earlier than the following day.
5. A substitute may not be a player who participated earlier in the tournament program.
Note: A member of a doubles team eliminated at an earlier level of competition may not be used as a substitute for that school's other doubles team.

UNIFORM RULE

All players must wear appropriate clothing during warm-ups and competition. Manufacturer's small names or logos on warm-ups or competition clothing are not a violation if they do NOT exceed 2" x 3" (excluding shoes, socks, and racquet). **Two** manufacturer logos/trademarks are allowed on each piece of attire. Tape cannot be used to cover illegal logos. An illegal logo may not be cut out or colored over to make it legal. University and professional team names and logos are not allowed on warm-up or competition apparel. Team shirts/shorts/hats may not reference another sport (e.g., football, soccer, etc.) other than tennis in the player's school. Hats are allowed if they refer to a team's school name, nickname, mascot or meet the 2" x 3" manufacturer logo requirement. Plain hats are acceptable.

A player detected wearing illegal clothing during a match (any time after first serve by either player) will without warning:

1. Be penalized, at the time of detection, one game at the conclusion of the game in progress.
2. Must replace the illegal clothing before resuming play. (Turning the clothing inside out is not acceptable.)
3. Be penalized under point penalty system for undue delay in replacing such uniforms.
4. A second offense will be penalized by loss of the set in progress, and a third offense will be penalized by loss of match in progress.
5. Penalties are cumulative throughout dual or multiple school events.
6. Enforcement of this rule is the responsibility of the host school.
7. Under severe weather conditions appropriate adjustments can and should be allowed, (i.e., illegal sweatshirts may be turned inside out). Hats may be worn as long as illegal logos are not showing.
8. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms, which are now unapproved provided participant safety is not jeopardized.

All uniforms worn by WIAA participants during WIAA state tournament play are the responsibility of the participating member school. USTA Rules allow judges to code visible profanity or obscenity worn by participants.

REST PERIODS

Rest periods offered shall be 60-minutes (one hour) to singles players following any format of play. Doubles teams must be offered 30 minutes of rest following any match. A minimum rest period of two hours has to be offered by a tournament referee to a player who has just completed a singles match in which a match format of two-out-of-three standard tiebreak sets is used. Indoor singles matches where the two-out-of-three set format is used also require a two-hour recovery period when a match lasts longer than 120 minutes.

CONDUCT PENALTIES

The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be point, game, and default.

PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from participating for subsectional, sectional, and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments. However, on the day of competition, schools are permitted to practice on the subsectional and sectional courts prior to the start of competition.

***** SECTIONALS *****

UMPIRES

The WIAA will assign one umpire to every sectional site. The umpire will not be running or scoring the meet, but will make all USTA rules interpretations and address foot fault concerns. As an assigned umpire, if a violation is directly viewed by the umpire, the player will be penalized without warning. Please make your players aware of this provision.

UNABLE TO COMPETE

If a player is unable to compete (withdraws, retires, defaults, or disqualifies themselves) a match at the sectional meet, the player may not return to play that day.

THIRD SET MATCH TIE-BREAK

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***** STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT *****

Participating in the State Individual Tournament will be the first four individuals in Flight 1 and the winner of Flight 2 singles and the first four doubles teams in Flight 1 and the winning team in Flight 2 from each sectional.

SEEDING COMMITTEE

The Seeding Committee will be allowed to select up to sixteen additional singles players and sixteen additional doubles teams in Division 1 and eight additional singles players and eight additional doubles teams in Division 2 for participation at the State Individual Tournament. These players will be selected from players whose coaches have submitted a "Request for Special Qualifier Form" and have participated in the subsectional or sectional tournament. One of these singles players/doubles teams must be chosen from each sectional. Coaches should discuss potential special qualifiers with their sectional seeding committee representative.

Note: If a player who has qualified for the State Individual Tournament is unable to participate, the WIAA must be notified **before Noon, on Friday, October 9th**. The State Seeding Committee will be allowed to select an additional qualifier, if notification is received by the time identified above.

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL QUALIFIER / SEED FOR THE STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

TennisReporting will invite you to request special consideration for a player that did not qualify for the State Individual Tournament or would like to request a seed, you must complete that process in TennisReporting. Each coach is responsible for completing this **before 9 a.m. on Friday, October 10th**. Your sectional manager will not forward any information.

TENNISREPORTING

The Seeding Committee requests coaches provide them with a Player Season Record form for all participants that make it to the WIAA State Tournament via tennisreporting. Each coach is responsible for completing that process on TennisReporting **before 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 9th**. Your sectional manager will not forward any information.

TOURNAMENT DRAW

The draws will be available on Friday evening, on the tennis page of the WIAA website. **Please report any errors in spelling, records, etc., to the WIAA by 8 a.m on Monday, October 12th, when the program goes to print.**

SUBSTITUTIONS

An individual who has qualified from sectional to the State Individual Tournament as a singles player cannot be replaced.

REPORTING FOR PLAY

Thursday's matches will begin at 10:30 a.m. Matches will be called at 10:15 a.m. SPECIAL QUALIFIERS will be notified via an email to the Athletic Director. Special qualifier medals will be in the team packets and **the packets must be picked up by the coach** at Nielsen Stadium. **It is important you watch the coaches meeting by Thursday.** Do not assume anything regarding when your players will play. Remember there are very precise rules regarding tardiness. READ AND FOLLOW THEM.

Below is a tentative schedule of match times for Thursday. Players must report a minimum of 45 minutes prior to these projected times. This schedule narrows down the possible time your player could be called to take the court.

Please note the order of play on Thursday has been adjusted to allow Division 1 to finish, then begin Division 2 matches:

Matches 1-12 10:30 am	Matches 34-38 1:30 pm	Matches 52-54 3:45 pm	Matches 70-72 5:30 pm
Matches 13-16 11:30 am	Matches 39-41 2:00 pm	Matches 55-57 4:00 pm	Matches 73-76 5:45 pm
Matches 17-20 11:45 am	Matches 42-44 2:30 pm	Matches 58-60 4:15 pm	Matches 77-79 6:15 pm
Matches 21-24 12:15 pm	Matches 45-46 2:45 pm	Matches 61-64 4:30 pm	Matches 80-82 6:45 pm
Matches 25-28 12:45 pm	Matches 47-48 3:00 pm	Matches 65-69 5:15 pm	Matches 83-88 7:00 pm
Matches 29-33 1:00 pm	Matches 49-51 3:30 pm		

PRACTICE AT THE NATATORIUM COURTS

The Cole tennis courts outside the Natatorium are **not available** for use as a practice facility during our State Meets. They are reserved for UW-students and UW-faculty.

HOUSING

Each school will be responsible for reserving their own hotel/motel room. We would suggest you make tentative hotel/motel arrangements on the chance you will have participants.

DRESSING FACILITIES

Locker space will be provided at the stadium. Please bring your own locks and towels and take care of your own valuables.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED AT NIELSEN TENNIS STADIUM

No banners, confetti, noisemakers, and extension cords are allowed in Nielsen Stadium.

PROGRAMS

One program will be given to each school with participants at the state meet. Additional programs are available at a cost of \$5.

******* STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT *******

Participating in the State Team Tournament will be the eight Division 1 sectional championship teams and the four Division 2 sectional championship teams.

SUBSTITUTIONS

An individual who has qualified for the State Team Tournament as a singles or doubles player cannot be replaced prior to the start of the team tournament:

1. Except if a coach presents a physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate.
2. Except if a coach presents a letter from their school principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school.
3. Unless the WIAA approves a change.
 - a. Substitution options:
 - 1) Move everyone up.
 - 2) Allow direct substitution for that position.

Note: Schools are encouraged to bring substitutes to the team tournament.

4. If a player retires from a match at the State Team Tournament, the penalty is removal from the remainder of the tournament.

Note: The substitute may not be a player who participated earlier in the tournament program.

A 3rd set match tie-break will be played for all tournament series matches, including the State Team Tournament.

Order of play at the State Team Tennis Tournament -

#4 singles, #3 doubles, #3 singles, #2 doubles, #2 singles, #1 doubles, and #1 singles.

SEEDING - STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT

(a) Division 1 - The eight State Tournament qualifying teams will be seeded. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference call on Friday prior to the State Tournament to place the teams into the State Tournament brackets. The WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.

(b) Division 2 - The four State Tournament qualifying teams will be seeded. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference call on Thursday if all sectionals are on Wednesday, or Friday prior to the State Tournament to place the teams into the State Tournament brackets. The WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.

REPORTING FOR PLAY

On Friday night, all Division 1 quarterfinal matches will be assigned to a court beginning at 4:00 p.m. Matches will be called at 3:45 p.m. Each dual meet will be assigned to three courts. A 10-minute warm-up will be allowed prior to the start of each match. On Saturday, competition will begin at 9 a.m. with matches being called at 8:45 a.m. The starting time for the D1 and D2 Championship matches will be determined by the meet administration following completion of the Semi-Finals.

WHERE TO FIND WIAA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Information may be found on the WIAA website under Tournament Schedule & Results and Tournament Information.