

TO: 2018 BOYS' STATE TENNIS PARTICIPANTS

FROM: CURTIS SIMONS, EMPORIA HIGH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

RE: 2018 BOYS' STATE 5A TENNIS TOURNAMENT

As the 2018 Boys' State 5A Tennis tournament approaches, Emporia High School would like to extend a warm welcome. We are excited to host the championships. Our facility should provide an excellent environment for the tournament. Listed below is information pertaining to the state tourney.

LOCATION:

Emporia High School (3302 West 18th Avenue)

**If you are coming from the east, take I-35 to Industrial Road exit #128. Exit right onto Industrial Road. Turn left at the first stop light (18th Avenue)
On 18th Avenue go approximately 1/2 of a mile. The school is on the corner of 18th and Graphic Arts Road.

**If you are coming on the turnpike, take the Emporia exit. Take I-35 north to exit #128 which will be Industrial Road. Turn left on Industrial Road travel to the second stop light which will be 18th Avenue. Turn left on 18th Avenue. Travel approximately 1/2 mile to the Graphic Arts Road round about. Right on Graphic Arts Road.

The courts are located behind the high school.

CONCESSIONS & T-SHIRTS:

**A concession stand will be available, and a variety of restaurant establishments are located near the school. State T-Shirts will be sold at the concession stand. Sizes are limited, so purchase early in the tournament!

COACHES MEETING:

The Coaches' Meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the Little Theatres at Emporia High. We will begin with general information and rules for the event, followed by seeding the singles and doubles. Because of time constraints we will not wait on coaches who are late. Please arrive early enough to have your paperwork organized for all coaches in a timely manner. Our plan is to have draws available electronically as soon as they are completed. Coaches of Regional winners should bring 20 copies of player records for all head coaches to review.

OPENING CEREMONY:

The opening ceremony on Friday, May 11th will begin at 10:00 a.m. At this ceremony, participants and coaches will be introduced. Play will start at 10:30 a.m. with the first 3 rounds of singles and doubles. The competition will start on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Lodging can be found by going to: visitemporia.com/stay

WEATHER:

**In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by the KSHSAA and the tournament site manager as soon as possible regarding an altered schedule or postponement. Please keep Saturday night and Sunday afternoon open as options in case of inclement weather.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th. Please feel free to contact Coach Matt Irby (316-841-9392) or Emporia High Athletic Director Curtis Simons (620-341-2365) if you have questions.