

2018 6A Boys' State Tennis Tournament Information Sheet

Washburn Rural High School is honored to host the 2018 6A Boys' State Tennis Championships on May 11th and 12th. Listed below is information we hope will be helpful as you plan your trip to Topeka.

LOCATION: The Coaches' Meeting, Player Introductions and all matches will be held at Kossover Tennis Center, located in southwest Topeka, east of the intersection of Gage Boulevard and 26th Street. Gage Boulevard is easily accessible from I-470 on the south side of Topeka, and from I-70 on north side.

Harold Kossover Tennis Center

2501 SW Gage Blvd

Topeka, KS

COACHES' MEETING: The Coaches' Meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. in the clubhouse at Kossover. Coaches be aware that 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 that are late. Please arrive appropriately. Our plan is to have draws available electronically as soon as they are completed.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

9:55 A.M. – Introductions of players and coaches on Court 18

-Presentation of the colors and the National Anthem

10:15 A.M. - Tournament officials will begin assigning courts.

10:30 A.M. Play will begin. Matches on Friday will include the first 2 rounds of singles and doubles on both the front and back sides of the brackets.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

8:50 A.M. – Courts assigned

9:05 A.M. - Play will begin until competition is complete.

At the conclusion of the event, there will be a medal and trophy presentation on Court 18.

RULES: All rules in the KSHSAA Manual will be followed. Coaches should review their manuals and be knowledgeable of the content. There will be a USTA official on site to make rulings on issues that are in question. Where KSHSAA rules do not apply, USTA rules will be followed. The tournament manager will appoint an Arbitration Committee to assist fair play. Key points of emphasis that all coaches need to remember:

The time to coach on changeovers is limited to 90 seconds. Officials will be asked to strictly enforce this policy.

Coaches are not allowed to use coded phrases in coaching their players during matches. Once a game begins, coaching is forbidden except at specified changeovers. It is unethical behavior to covertly converse with your players during play.

Coaches need to help educate spectators as to appropriate behavior. This issue will be addressed during introductions, but oftentimes poor spectator conduct is a product of ignorance rather than malice. Please help in this area.

Spectators and teammates will not be allowed to hang on the fences while matches are in play. We would like a three foot barrier away from the fences of matches that are in play with only Coaches approaching the fence.

ACCOMADATIONS: Topeka has as a wide selection for lodging and restaurants. Please access visitor information at www.visitTopeka.org to have access to all choices.

WEATHER ISSUES: This is an outdoor event and will only go indoors in the event that a few matches remain for completion. Because of

graduations on Saturday, we will try to be clear on any rain-related issues. Due to the amount of courts available at Kossover, the tournament should be completed on Saturday. However, we live in Kansas, and weather can be vexing.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have additional questions or an emergency on the day of the tournament, please contact Coach Kevin Hedberg, WRHS Head Coach, at 785-608-3120 or Penny Lane, WRHS Athletic Director, at 785-339-4124.