



# Week 2 - March 10, 2025

## **REPEAT: 2025 BOYS' TENNIS CLASSIFICATIONS**

2025 Boys' Tennis Classifications – Classifications will be final following March 11, 2025.

-!!4-1A Tennis Schools!!: The KSHSAA office must be notified if your school will NOT participate in boys' tennis this spring. The KSHSAA office determines the 55/45 classification split and regional assignments based on the KSHSAA Spring Participation Form submitted by schools. If schools indicate they will participate on this form and then not end up having athletes, the school MUST NOTIFY THE KSHSAA OFFICE BY MARCH 11, 2025. This ensures that the 55/45 split is accurate and regionals are equitable.

#### REPEAT: NEW OUTSIDE COMPETITION RULE – EFFECTIVE THIS YEAR (2024-2025)

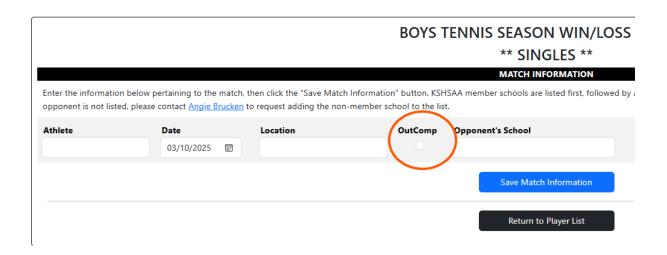
The KSHSAA Board of Directors voted to allow tennis athletes to play in ONE outside competition during the KSHSAA tennis season. Proper protocol must be followed for the event to be approved. This policy becomes effective immediately.

- o The event must be sanctioned, approved, and recognized USTA, UTR, ITA, or ITF event.
- o The outside event will replace 1 of the 8 points allowed to tennis athletes.
- The outside event must take place prior to KSHSAA postseason events.
- The outside event matches will not be considered in postseason seeding for KSHSAA events.
- The player must notify in writing and get approval from their school principal, athletic director, AND coach of their intent to compete in an outside event at least 30 days prior to the date of the event.
- The KSHSAA office must receive (via email) the athlete's written request, including grants of approval by the school principal, athletic director, AND coach immediately following the final approval by all parties at the school.
- The player may compete in singles and doubles at the outside event and partner with someone that does not represent their school if playing doubles.

#### WIN/LOSS RECORD REPORTING & NEW OUTSIDE COMPETITION POINT

Starting this spring, coaches need to record on the KSHSAA win/loss record reporting platform if their athlete(s) participate in an outside competition during the KSHSAA tennis season. When entering the outside competition results, there is a check box titled "OutComp." When this check box is marked, the record will not show up on the public record side, but it will indicate that the athlete participated in an outside competition during the KSHSAA tennis season. The record is recorded for the school coach to view only – no other coaches will be able to see the results of the outside competition event. The results of the outside competition may not be used for postseason seeding purposes. If an athlete competes in an outside competition that has been approved by the KSHSAA office, the athlete may participate in up to seven (7) competition points during the KSHSAA tennis season.

<sup>\*</sup>see screenshot on page 2 of this newsletter



#### **REMINDERS:**

#### **DAYS OF COMPETITION - Rule 41-2-4**

<u>High School</u>: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than EIGHT days of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of regional, sub-state and state tournaments.

<u>Middle/Junior High School</u>: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than SEVEN days of interschool competition during a season.

### **2025 STATE TOURNAMENT HOSTS**

The state tournaments will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 2025. Thank you to our host sites and schools that are willing to make these events happen for our kids!

- 6A Junction City-Bluejay Tennis Facility
  - Host: Junction City HS (Chris Bogenhagen & Matt Micheel)
- 5A Salina Tennis Center
  - Host: Salina South HS (Ryan Stuart & Kendra Maples)
- 4A Winfield-T.H. Vaughan Tennis Center
  - Wellington HS (Elly Johnson)
- 3-2-1A Topeka-Kossover Tennis Center
  - Host: Lawrence-Bishop Seabury Academy (Brian Rios)

## **USEFUL LINKS**

KSHSAA Tennis Website: KSHSAA Tennis

KSHSAA Tennis Manual: Tennis.pdf (kshsaa.org)

USTA: USTA

USTA Newsletter Registration: <u>t.email.usta.com/lp/ustaCTAP</u>