

Week 7 – April 14, 2025

CONDUCT/SPORTSMANSHIP

Tennis players and coaches are always to follow tennis etiquette. Please show consideration for all players and the tennis facility which you are using. The KSHSAA follows USTA guidelines/policies regarding sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is the foundation of tennis.

Sportsmanship Emphasis for Week 7: *HINDRANCE*

From the [USTA 'Friend at Court 2025'](#): If a player is hindered in playing the point by a deliberate act of the opponent(s), the player shall win the point. However, the point shall be replayed if a player is hindered in playing the point by either an unintentional act of the opponent(s), or something outside the player's own control (not including a permanent fixture).

Case 1: Is an unintentional double hit a hindrance?

Decision: No. Rule 24 (f) states that a player loses the point if the double hit is deliberate.

Case 2: A player claims to have stopped play because the player thought that the opponent(s) was being hindered. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: No, the player loses the point.

Case 3: A ball in play hits a bird flying over the court. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: Yes, the point shall be replayed.

Case 4: During a point, a ball or other object that was lying on the player's side of the net when the point started hinders the player. Is this a hindrance?

Decision: No.

Case 5: In doubles, where are the server's partner and receiver's partner allowed to stand?

Decision: The server's partner and the receiver's partner may take any position on their own side of the net, inside or outside the court. However, if a player is creating a hindrance to the opponent(s), the hindrance rule should be used.

REQUEST FOR LINE JUDGE

KSHSAA Tennis Manual – pg 26: Players may request the assistance of someone to call lines. If such a request is made the following steps must take place:

1. The player should first make their coach aware of the request. This would be considered a warning.
2. As play continues, if the player continues to feel they need assistance with calling lines, the tournament manager and/or roving official should be made aware of the request by the player and their head coach.
3. The roving official will then assign a head coach (or assistant coach, if available) who is not affiliated with those playing the match to call lines for the remainder of the match.
4. Line judges will only call a line upon player's request(s).

RATIONALE: One questionable line call should not be grounds for requesting someone to call lines. A past history between the players is also not grounds for an automatic request for someone to watch lines in the match. A reasonable request, based on several concerns, regarding questionable line calls is acceptable.

REGULAR SEASON BYES

KSHSAA Tennis Manual – pg 18: Byes during the regular season do not count as a win for records. Only postseason (regionals and state) byes may count as a win for records.

REMINDERS:

STATE TENNIS HOSTS NEEDED FOR FALL 2025 AND SPRING 2026

If your school is interested in hosting a state tournament in the Fall of 2025 or the Spring of 2026, please reach out to Sarah Smith immediately.

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Regional Assignments: <https://kshsaa.org/react/activity/assignments/boys%20tennis/regional/19/1>

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 Bopenhagen & 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-Kosover 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: t.email.usta.com/lp/ustaCTAP

USTA Friend at Court 2025: [2025-friend-at-court.pdf](#)