

Week 8 – April 21, 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 8: *SERVING – Foot Faults*

From the [USTA 'Friend at Court 2025'](#): Avoid foot faults: Players should not foot fault because it violates ITF Rule of Tennis 18. It is a foot fault when a foot just touches the line, even when the player does not follow the serve to the net. The receiver or the receiver's partner may call foot faults only after all reasonable efforts, such as warning the server and attempting to get an official to the court, have failed and the foot fault is so flagrant as to be clearly perceptible from the receiver's side.

OUTSIDE COMPETITION RULE - DOUBLES

Doubles: When athletes are requesting to participate in an outside event during the tennis season, and the proper steps have been taken to request the event, athletes are able to partner up with a school teammate OR a non-school teammate. Both school athletes must complete the required steps to participate in an outside competition once they have joined their school team. The outside event will not be viewable to the public on the athlete's KSHSAA tennis record nor will those matches count in any seeding (regular season and/or postseason).

REMINDER ON TIME ISSUES DURING MATCHES

It is important that the allotted time for changeovers, time between points, etc. is practiced and observed. Time will be enforced at the State Tennis Tournament, so prepare your athletes now. Review the policies below with your athletes. See page 25 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual to review time issues.

ALL PLAY IS CONTINUOUS

- a. Between points – 20 seconds max (players only)
- b. Changing ends – 90 seconds max (time starts when the last point of the game ends and includes coaching and/or water breaks)
- c. End of a set – 2 minutes max
- d. Split sets – 10 minutes max (or shorter if both players agree)
- e. Before tiebreak – 90 seconds max (6-all or 8-all pro set; coaching is allowed before tiebreak)
- f. Before Super Tiebreak – 3 minutes max

REMINDER TO KEEP RECORDS UPDATED

Coaches are required to enter varsity match records. Please ensure records are updated within 48 hours of competition.

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 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-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](#)