

Week #1 – August 12, 2024

Welcome back to school and to the 2024-2025 season of girls' tennis! Please read through this information as this is important information coaches need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email ssmith@kshsaa.org. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

Rules Exam Due August 22

The deadline for submitting answers to this year's rules exam is **August 22, 2024**. Coaches now have two (2) attempts to pass the exam with a 90%. You will be able to see your score and your answers immediately. Correct answers with rule references will be available when the testing window closes. All head middle school and high school coaches are required to complete this exam by the deadline.

KSHSAA Tennis Manual

The KSHSAA Tennis Manual has been mailed to schools and is available in a digital format on the KSHSAA tennis website (use the links available at the end of this newsletter). Please read through the KSHSAA Tennis Manual as most questions may be answered by reading this manual.

Important Tennis Policy/Rules Updates

-There are important updates regarding MS/JH competition points. Please refer to page 16 in the Tennis Manual for the full language.

KSHSAA Rule 41, Section 3 (MS/JH Regs), Article 2: Two dual meets may be substituted for one day of tournament competition.

- a. One those days when school time is used, only four matches or tournaments may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

-Fall Classifications (40/60): Classes 4A-1A will use the 40/60 split to determine Class 4A and Class 3-1A this fall for girls' tennis. See pg 18 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual for full language regarding this policy.

-Default/Medical Default/Retirement Policy: Defaults will be treated as a loss and will be used in seeding processes (only for directs and NOT for indirects). The athlete will not be eligible to participate in the remainder of the tournament. If the default is determined to be a medical default by a medical advisory team (coach, tournament manager, onsite medical personnel), the medical default will not be counted in seeding. If the athlete is cleared and determined healthy enough to continue play by the medical advisory team, the athlete may do so. Retired matches will be used in seeding (only as a direct). See page 21 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual for full language regarding this policy.

Girls' State Tennis (October 18-19, 2024)

Class 6A: Prairie Village-Harmon Park Tennis Complex (Host - Shawnee Mission East HS)

Class 5A: Andover District Tennis Complex (Host - Andover Central HS)

Class 4A: Topeka-Kosover Tennis Center (Host - Topeka-Hayden HS)

Class 3-1A: Wichita-Riverside Tennis Complex (Host – Wichita-Collegiate HS)

Looking Ahead:

August 19: First day of practice

August 21: Tennis Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Rehearsal Day – Communicate with your school AD on this!

August 22: KSHSAA Tennis Exam deadline

August 23: First day of tennis competition

Useful Websites/Links

KSHSAA Tennis Website: [KSHSAA Tennis](#)

KSHSAA Tennis Manual: [Tennis.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](#)

USTA: [USTA](#)

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