

Week #2 – August 19, 2024

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(s) or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email ssmith@kshsaa.org. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE – August 19, 2024

The first official day of practice is always an exciting one! All athletes MUST have a PPE (Physical) and Concussion Form on file before they participate in practice. Please ensure these documents are signed and submitted. It is good practice to have a meeting with athletes and parents to ensure they understand team rules and policies – this can avoid conflict and confusion during the season.

FIRST COMPETITION DATE – August 23, 2024

The first date for competition is set for Friday, August 23, 2024. Please ensure scores are entered into the KSHSAA scores reporting system within 48 hours of competition.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANNING (EAP) – August 21, 2024

The Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Rehearsal Day for girls' tennis is set for August 21, 2024. This is the opportunity for your school's administration, coaching staff, athletes, local EMT, etc., to practice the school's established EAP procedures at all facilities used for practices and games. It is imperative that all parties know where an AED is located and that one is close.

If your school needs an EAP, don't delay! A template is available on the KSHSAA website: [KSHSAA Student Health and Safety](#)

August 30, 2024 – DEADLINE TO NOTIFY KSHSAA OF NON-PARTICIPATION

To ensure schools are assigned to Regionals equitably, it is imperative that schools communicate with the KSHSAA if your school does not end up having a girls' tennis program. If the KSHSAA office is not made aware of this and a school is assigned to a Regional with no athletes, this creates an unequal distribution of schools amongst Regionals. PLEASE EMAIL SARAH SMITH (ssmith@kshsaa.org) by August 30, 2024, if your participation status has changed. Tennis season is a short window – please communicate as the season progresses.

REMINDER(S):**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.

Looking Ahead:

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

August 30: Deadline to communicate to the KSHSAA participation status

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)

Useful Websites/Links

KSHSAA Tennis Website: [KSHSAA Tennis](#)

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

USTA: [USTA](#)

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