

Week #8 – September 30, 2024

Please read through this information as this is important information coaches need to be aware of this season. 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!

OUTSIDE COMPETITION RULE UPDATE

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.

- The event must be a sanctioned, approved, and recognized USTA, UTR, ITA, or ITF event.
- 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.

DEFAULTS

-See page 21 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual

As we get closer to postseason, it is IMPERATIVE that coaches review and understand the new default/medical default/retired match policy. This will help move along the seeding process for Regionals and State.

DEFAULT: If an athlete chooses to not participate in a match prior to the start of a match, the other athlete receives a win and the win will be considered for seeding as a direct only. The KSHSAA does not promote nor condone athlete's choosing to not play unless medically necessary.

MEDICAL DEFAULT: A medical default occurs before a match begins. If an athlete is too ill/injured to play, the medical advisory team must be consulted. The medical advisory team is NOT only the athlete's coach. The medical advisory team should be comprised of the athlete's coach, the tournament/meet director, AND the meet's athletic trainer/medical personnel (if available). At minimum, the medical advisory team should include the athlete's coach and tournament/meet director. A medical default does not count in seeding. The athlete may return to play IF the medical advisory team clears the athlete.

RETIRE MATCH: A medical retirement occurs after the match has started and an athlete becomes ill/injured and is unable to continue play. This will be a win for the opposing athlete and will count as a DIRECT only in seeding. The athlete may return to play later in the tournament/meet as determined by the medical advisory team (athlete's coach, tournament/meet director, AND medical personnel (if available)).

Coaches can indicate this when recording matches on the KSHSAA win/loss records.

GIRLS TENNIS SEASON WIN/LOSS RECORD

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MATCH INFORMATION

" button. KSHSAA member schools are listed first, followed by approved schools, the non-member schools. Member schools will be listed town/city by alpha order. If your school is not listed, click on the "Add School" button to add the school to the list.

Opponent's School	Opponent's Name	Position	Score	W/L	If default, select type
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- Default
- Medical Default
- Medical Retirement



REMINDER(S):

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

-See page 19 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual

Electronic communication devices are prohibited in the vicinity of the playing area during competition.

Looking Ahead:

Regionals Sites/Dates: [KSHSAA Girls Tennis Tournaments](#)

*Reminder: Coaches should hand deliver the Girls Regional Entry Form to the Regional Tournament manager prior to seeding. This form is available by logging in at kshsaa.org and going to the October Entry Forms.

October 18-19: State Tennis

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-Kossover 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