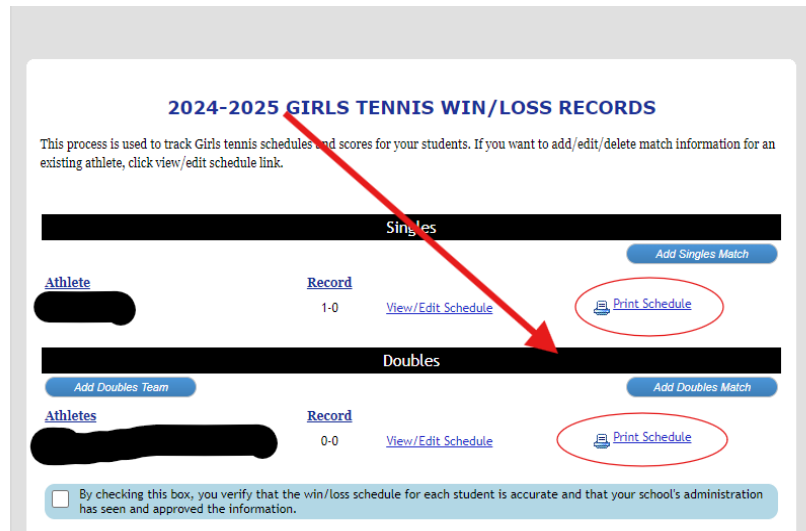
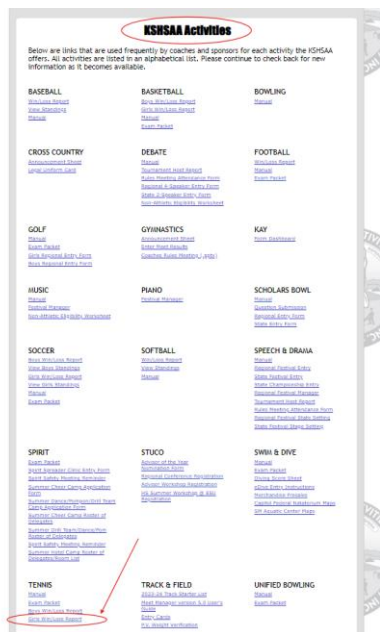


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Win/Loss Records (Printing for Regionals)

Per page 29 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual, “Coaches should bring the records of the athletes for the Regional category they are competing in. Singles players records should include that player’s singles record; doubles entries should include the record for the doubles team entered into the Regional.” Therefore, please print your athletes’ records using the printable view on the “school side” of the KSHSAA website versus the records on the “public side” of the website.

Coaches and/or ADs should log in to the KSHSAA website, go to “Activities,” then click on “Girls Win/Loss Report.”



REMINDER - Preparation for Regional Tournaments

In preparation for regional tournament play, participating schools must do the following:

1. **Girls Regional Entry Form:** Hand deliver (place in a sealed envelope) to your regional manager the day of your coaches meeting, prior to the seeding of the tournament. This form is available to school administrators under the monthly entry forms tab.
2. **Tennis Balls:** Information on the tennis balls used for regional and state tournaments is in your Tennis Manual on page 24. For regional play, teams are to bring one container of new tennis balls per entry (singles/doubles). A school entering 2 singles and 2 doubles (max) = 4 cans of tennis balls.
3. **Player Season Records:** Throughout the season all coaches are to be posting season competition results on the KSHSAA online program. Coaches are required to bring copies of these completed records for all tournament entries (see above for printing instructions). Bring 1 copy for each coach plus the tournament manager.

REMINDER - Seeding Regional Tournaments

The Seeding Procedure and Seeding Criteria is described in the 2024-2025 KSHSAA Tennis Manual on page 29-30. Please be reminded:

****Coaches must always keep in mind the contest essentially belongs to the contestants. Coaches should seed their players and vote in the most ethical and fair manner to maintain the integrity of the seeding procedure for all athletes, not just their own players.**

1. You may not concede a seed.
2. If a coach wishes to have a player(s) considered for a seed between numbers one and eight (or half of the tournament entries in the classifications with more than eight schools per regional tournament), they must announce this at the beginning of the seeding procedures.
3. Six positions will be seeded in both singles and doubles. Seeds seven through half of the entries, including nine and 10, will be offered if any coach so wishes.
4. Once a player is put up for a seed, he or she is automatically up for all following seeds through #8. If a coach initially believes his/her player deserves a top 8 seed, the coach WILL NOT be able to pull them out of the seeding procedure.
5. Only the coach of a player or team may put up that player or team for a seed. However, if a player or team is not represented due to unforeseen circumstances, the player or team may be put up for a seed by another coach present.

Seeding Criteria (pgs 29-30 in Tennis Manual)

1. **DIRECT WINS** - In the case of split victories, the following guidelines will be followed:
 - a. If there is an even amount of wins, then the most recent win has precedence, no matter the length of the match.
2. **INDIRECT WINS** (wins and losses to common opponents)
 - a. If three entries are up for the same seed and one entry has direct and/or indirect wins over the other two entries in contention, NO VOTE between the entries is needed and directs/indirects will be honored. It is possible a vote may be needed between the other two entries.
 - b. If there is an uneven split (i.e., 2-1) then the most wins take precedence, not necessarily the last win.
3. Coaches should vote in the most ethical and fair manner to maintain the integrity of the seeding procedure for all the athletes, not just their own players. Coaches with more than one entry per singles or doubles will have two votes. Voting will be by all coaches who feel qualified with the following information. (You do not have to have seen the players to vote and coaches may abstain from voting.)
4. The seeding guidelines may be suspended to allow for a fairer seeding in a situation where a coach proposes an extenuating circumstance and a majority of the coaches present agree to this circumstance.
 - a. After seeded entries are placed, every non-seeded entry will be drawn as follows: one entry at a time per school for the entire bracket with multiple entry schools remaining going first.
 - b. When all schools have drawn one spot, the process is repeated.
 - c. Players from the same school may be seeded in the same quarter bracket since teammates seeded in the same quarter and advancing to play one another guarantee one a berth at state, and the loser of the match has a consolation match and another attempt to qualify.

Reminders

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.

RETIRED 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)).

Looking Ahead:

[Regionals Sites/Dates](#)

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 LINKS

KSHSAA Tennis Website: [KSHSAA Tennis](#)

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

USTA: [USTA](#)

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