



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Tennis Memo #2

April 8, 2022

Good morning –

Less than ideal weather for the first couple weeks of the 2022 Iowa high school boys' tennis season, but we all know spring in Iowa. A few quick updates below for tennis coaches and ADs. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you've got further questions.

1. Postseason Information

Aiming to have postseason host sites released late next week (April 14-15), then postseason assignments following approval at the IHSAA's next board meeting (April 27). Both should be posted through the website's [News page](#) and the [Tennis page](#). Those dates will be in line with last year's releases and allow us to use team and individual results to inform the assignments.

2. Tennis Balls

Supply chain issues are still affecting tennis ball stock nationwide. A reminder from the [Regular Season Manual](#) that “a standard size tennis ball” is the requirement for regular season play – no brand specified. Complete USTA list of approved balls can be [viewed HERE](#). IHSAA has Wilson US Open balls in stock and will send out to postseason sites.

3. Universal Tennis Rating

We are strongly encouraging IHSAA tennis teams to join and use UTR this spring to enter rosters and results in order to provide an informed seeding tool for meets and the postseason. Jonathan Hicks from UTR has been busy assisting coaches for a few weeks, and we have more than 70 teams using this free service.

- [Click HERE](#) to activate your team page if you haven't yet.
- Once activated, enter your current team roster. Players can [go HERE](#) to register their free profiles.
- A list of IHSAA teams with current ratings (limited 2022 results) can be [found HERE](#).

4. Varsity Bound Updates

A friendly reminder to also keep updated rosters, results, and dates through [Varsity Bound](#). They have been working on tennis-friendly updates to statistical views, including new [Individual Results](#). These can be viewed by clicking on a player's name through the team's roster. If you have issues while entering data, please click on the green contact support button in the bottom right corner of each page.

Stay warm and dry and have a great next couple weeks.

Best,

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