



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Tennis Memo

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Hello IHSAA tennis coaches and ADs!

Hope your 2022-23 school years are off to a great start as this rare fall tennis memo comes in. This has been an offseason of change and while ADs have been sent details through executive director Tom Keating, we haven't had one complete document outlining all the updates that have come out of our advisory committee and board with you. With state tournament sites confirmed, we wanted to share what's coming in spring 2023.

1. Team Postseason

An important advisory committee recommendation that was approved by the IHSAA Board of Control is a new all-in team postseason for boys' tennis. All varsity teams with at least six eligible participants on April 1, 2023 will be placed in team tennis substates. Assignments for these team substates will be completely separated from the district (singles and doubles) tennis assignments.

Lead-up dates will remain the same as [currently on our calendar](#) – Friday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 17 – but team competition will now work through eight substates in each classification.

The state tournament will now be an eight-team, two-day competition for each classification. This required the addition of one date; for 2023, the event will run Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1.

Seeding for substate and state tournament play will be determined via coaches' meetings and votes.

2. State Tournament Sites

Contracts with our state tournament sites concluded following the 2022 championships. We worked with several potential sites and sincerely appreciate the efforts of our past hosts in Cedar Rapids, Ankeny, and Des Moines for their contributions to Iowa high school tennis. We are excited for two new sites to provide championship experiences alongside our longtime hosts at Byrnes Park in Waterloo.

State tournament sites starting in 2023:

Class 2A Singles & Doubles: Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center, Iowa City

Class 1A Singles & Doubles: Byrnes Park, Waterloo

Class 2A Team: Northwest High School, Waukee

Class 1A Team: Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center, Iowa City

3. State Tournament Dates

No major changes other than the additional date due to an eight-team state tournament.

State tournament dates in 2023:

Singles & Doubles, 2A & 1A: Tuesday, May 23 & Wednesday, May 24

Team, 2A & 1A: Wednesday, May 31 & Thursday, June 1

4. Scrimmage Allotment

Starting in 2023, teams will be permitted two scrimmages per season. This advisory recommendation and clarification was approved by the board and includes: One scrimmage prior to the first date of competition, and one scrimmage to be used any time during the postseason (May 8 through June 1).

5. Advisory Committee Opening

We will have one opening on the IHSAA's tennis advisory committee available starting in 2023 as Clarke, Osceola coach Jeff Ehrhardt has completed two full terms of service for the Southwest District. Jeff's perspective was a tremendous asset to the committee and we'll be seeking a head coach or administrator who is passionate about improving both tennis and the overall student-athlete experience statewide.

A nomination form for our advisory committees is [available HERE](#) and through our [Forms page](#).

For reference, the Southwest District includes all member schools in the following counties: Adair, Adams, Audubon, Carroll, Cass, Clarke, Crawford, Decatur, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Harrison, Madison, Mills, Montgomery, Pottawattamie, Page, Ringgold, Shelby, Taylor, Warren.

6. New Tennis Administrator

The IHSAA's newest assistant director, Andy Umthun, has been tasked with becoming our latest tennis administrator. Andy has been a successful activities director at Estherville Lincoln Central, Xavier, and most recently Ankeny, and he will do a great job and answer any questions you may have going into the spring. My sincere gratitude goes to all the ADs and coaches and who assisted me and provided input and feedback throughout my brief time as tennis administrator.

Best,

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