



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Tennis Memo #2

February 24, 2023

Good afternoon, Head Tennis Coaches & AD's –

We're still a couple weeks from the start of practice for the 2023 Iowa high school boys' tennis season. However, we have a few preseason updates below for tennis head coaches and ADs. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you've got further questions as we progress into spring.

1. Online Rules Meetings

The 2023 tennis rules meeting will be live and available online first thing Monday morning, the 27th. All IHSAA rules meetings are hosted through our database at Bound (same as last season). All coaches should have accounts and access already. If you are new to your program or district, please have your AD create and assign an account for you.

After logging into Bound, you can find the rules meeting in two ways:

- Click on the "Activity" feed on your dashboard and select "2023 Tennis Rules Meeting Open"
- Click on the IHSAA logo on the left menu, then under Forms select "2023 Tennis Rules Meeting"

Having any Bound issues? Please use the green chat box in the lower right-hand side of your screen to communicate directly with the Varsity Bound staff at: <https://ia.varsitybound.com/>.

Coaches have until Thursday, March 30 to view and receive credit for completing this required rules meeting.

2. 2023 IHSAA Dates

A reminder from the offseason tennis update: If you haven't yet looked ahead, please check out the dates assigned to boys' tennis for the 2023 postseason.

They are on different days of the week from past seasons and include weekday competitions. Those are available directly through the digital [Calendar page \(May 2023\)](#) and in the calendars on our [Coaches & Administrators page](#).

3. Universal Tennis

We are again encouraging all IHSAA tennis teams to get activated on Universal Tennis (UTR) for the 2023 season. UTR provides singles, doubles, and team ratings. Universal Tennis can also be utilized by players in the offseason to find playing opportunities and for college recruiting. This is all at no cost to our member schools.

While UTR is not required at this time, it is a system our advisory committee, a fall survey of coaches, and IHSAA staff have requested to use. We plan to use UTR in addition to Bound for rosters and reviewing results this spring.

We are encouraging all tennis schools to do the following on UTR:

1. [Click this link to activate your team page](#). If your team is already activated from last season, all you need to do is update your roster at this time.
2. If you are a new coach this year, please contact Jonathan Hicks (jonathan@universaltennis.com) to get ownership of your High School switched to your name. Before doing so, create your personal UTR login at universaltennis.com/join
3. Once your school is activated, please enter your current rosters into UTR. Enter all freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity players.

There are full details on UT on our [Tennis page](#). If you need further assistance with your Universal Tennis team page, please [schedule 15 minutes directly with Universal Tennis' Head of High School, Jonathan Hicks here](#). He will help you get all set up. His email is jonathan@universaltennis.com if you need assistance with any Universal Tennis questions.

4. Official Tennis Ball

We have had a few people reach out to our office about the official IHSAA tennis ball. Last year, exceptions were made due to supply chain issues. For 2023, we will be back to having the Wilson GST as our official tennis ball. The Prime or NCAA versions of this are also approved for postseason play. Any questions on this, please do not hesitate to reach out.

5. Preliminary Classifications

Preliminary classifications are now posted on our [Tennis page](#). Please look over this and if you are involved in a co-op, ensure that it is listed on this.

6. Coming Soon

In the coming weeks, you will see on our [Tennis page](#) and/or receive emails on:

- FINAL Classifications
- 2023 Postseason Manual

Sending best wishes for a successful spring season as well as warm and dry weather this spring.



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