



# IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## Tennis Memo #1

February 16, 2024

Good afternoon, Head Tennis Coaches & AD's –

We're still a few weeks out from the start of practice for the 2024 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 2024 tennis rules meeting will be live and available online Monday, February 26th. All IHSAA rules meetings are hosted through our database at Bound (same as previous seasons). 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 "2024 Tennis Rules Meeting Open"
- Click on the IHSAA logo on the left menu, then under Forms select "2024 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 Friday, March 29 to view and receive credit for completing this required rules meeting.

### **2. Tennis Host Sites**

AD's & Head Coaches, please ensure you have completed the host availability form within Bound if you are able & willing to be a host site for postseason tennis. If you have adequate tennis facilities, we encourage you to be a host.

### **3. 2024 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 2024 postseason.

They are on different days of the week from past seasons and include one Saturday. Those are available directly through the digital [Calendar - High School Boys' Sports | IHSAA \(iahsaa.org\)](#) and in the calendars on our [Coaches & Administrators page](#).

### **4. Universal Tennis**

We are again encouraging all IHSAA tennis teams to utilize Universal Tennis (UTR) for the 2024 season. All teams need to at least enter team and rosters into UTR prior to the season starting if you haven't not already. 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.

All tennis schools need 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:jonathan@universaltennis.com) if you need assistance with any Universal Tennis questions.

### **5. Preliminary Classifications**

Preliminary classifications are now posted on our [Classifications: Tennis \(iahsaa.org\)](https://iahsaa.org). Please look over this and if you are involved in a co-op, ensure that it is listed on this. I have reached out to schools that hosted co-ops last year that have not entered them for 2024.

### **6. Bound Directory**

AD's, please ensure you have your school's directory up to date with your tennis coaches' contact information on there. We have a few schools that do not have a coach entered in their Bound directory currently.

### **7. Coming Soon**

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

- FINAL Classifications
- Monthly Memos for AD's and Coaches

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



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