



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Tennis Memo #1

February 6, 2025

Good afternoon, Head Tennis Coaches & AD's –

We're still over a month out from the start of practice for the 2025 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 2025 tennis rules meeting will be live and available online Monday, February 24th. 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 "2025 Tennis Rules Meeting Open"
- Click on the IHSAA logo on the left menu, then under Forms select "2025 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 28 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. 2025 IHSAA Dates

If you haven't yet looked ahead, please check out the dates assigned to boys' tennis for the 2025 postseason.

There is a couple 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](#). Can also see tennis dates overview on [KEY DATES PAGE](#).

4. Universal Tennis

Through a motion from our tennis advisory committee and approved by our board of control, Universal Tennis (UTR) will be a requirement for the 2025 season. Requirements are tiered by class and are as follows:

- Class 2A – Required to enter program rosters as well as all contest results throughout the regular season on UTR.
- Class 1A – Required to have full program rosters entered into UTR.
- Must fulfill requirement(s) to be eligible for postseason seeding. This will also be used as one of the metrics for postseason assignments.
- UTR & Bound are working to enable syncing of data so results entered in Bound can sync to UTR to eliminate double entry. This should be up and running before the first competition date. I will ask 2A coaches to check things first couple of weeks of matches to ensure results are syncing accurately.

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.

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) to get ownership of your High School switched to your name. Before doing so, create your personal UTR login at <https://app.utrsports.net/join>
3. Once your school is activated, please enter your current rosters into UTR. Enter all freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity players.
4. A 4-minute video (1:00-3:05 shows roster configuration and dual match score reporting) is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKUiGOrao9w>

There are full details on UT on our [Tennis page](#). If you need further assistance with your UTR team page, please schedule a time with our UTR High School Specialist, Ty Wolter [HERE](#). You can also reach out to UTR High School Director, Jonathan Hicks. His email is jonathan@universaltennis.com

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 2025.

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
- 2025 Postseason Manual
- 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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