



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Substate Team Tennis Seeding Guidance

May 2025

1. Seeding Sheets

Utilize these sheets provided to complete your seeding meeting which I have linked here again for [1A](#) and [2A](#). These are also available on our [Tennis page](#).

2. Criteria

Suggested criteria are listed on seeding bracket sheets but wanted to highlight these to give some direction to the conversations.

- The following criteria is provided below with **no order for priority or importance**:
 - Team Record
 - Head-to-Head Competition
 - Strength of Schedule
 - Recent Results/Performance
 - Player Availability
 - Geography
 - Polls
 - Past Postseason Success

3. Seeding Process

Please begin the seeding meeting by permitting each school the opportunity (first or last alphabetical) to share overall season and give highlights relevant to seeding. Limit to no more than 2 minutes per school.

- The host then asks if anyone feels they should be the #1 seed. If only one school speaks up, they are the #1 seed.
- If two or more schools speak up to be any seed, then use the criteria listed above to try and sort them out then final vote is taken for that seed. *Do not have the schools involved vote for themselves.
- If two or more schools speak up for a seed, the school or schools that do not win would automatically be considered for the next lowest seed along with any other schools.
- Continue this process until all teams are seeded.
- Tennis is one of the final remaining IHSAA sports to utilize coaches seeding meeting. This relies on coaches' subjectivity to take in all factors in seeding, including geography, to continue this process. This will be reviewed at our upcoming IHSAA Tennis Coaches Advisory meeting this summer.

4. Substate Team Sites

Higher seed will be host sites for this substate team tournament. Ensure sites are assigned through this seeding process.

- Both the #1 and #2 seeds will be host sites for May 17th. Host sites will have two or three team matches.
 - Number of matches played in initial round of substate on May 17 varies between classes (see bracket).
 - There are **NO** 1A substate sites that will have to utilize the 8/9 pigtail match this season.
- Ensure hosts review substate play format.
- Seeding meeting hosts, ensure this completed seeding sheet bracket is returned to Andy Umthun no later than noon on Wednesday, May 7.
- All substate team brackets for all classes will be posted to the public by Friday, May 9.