



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Tennis Memo #5
April 23, 2026

Good morning, Head Tennis Coaches, ADs, & Asst. AD's –

Below is some information regarding state tennis sites, data entry into Bound/UTR, and concerns on lineup entries. I have also included some postseason information/reminders with those release dates approaching.

1. District Singles & Doubles

Reminder district singles and doubles site assignments will be released next week and all host sites can be seen [HERE](#). A big thank you again to all the schools that have taken on these hosting responsibilities for all our tennis programs.

- District singles & doubles will be played on Saturday, May 16 (rain date is May 18).
- 1st and 2nd place at each district site will advance to the 2026 state singles & doubles tournament.

2. State Tennis Host Site (2A Singles & Doubles & 1A Team Tennis)

Some of you may or may not have heard this already but the University of Iowa has informed our office this past weekend that the majority of their outdoor courts have been deemed unplayable for play & safety concerns. We have been assessing best options going forward for both the Class 2A Singles & Doubles State Tournament and the 1A State Team Tennis Tournament that were both set to be at the HTC there in Iowa City. All factors are being taken into account for this and will have final plans for each of these state tournaments in next week's memo releasing district assignments.

3. Bound – UTR Data Entry

Data from Bound to UTR is not going as efficiently as we had planned entering the season. Bound's data exports are not functioning in the same way as it did during the fall for the girls' season. However: We are actively working on this issue with Bound and rest assured all data entered will be reviewed prior to the release of postseason assignments.

4. Substate Team

A quick reminder that substate team tennis assignments will be released towards the end of the week of May 4, not released with district assignments next week like it has in past seasons.

- Reminder, only the top 32 teams in each class will participate in substate team tennis.
- Substate team tennis will be played on a single date (Wednesday, May 20) in a 4-team set bracket, doubles first.
- First place team from each substate bracket will advance to the 2026 state team tournament.

5. Line Ups

We are all aware of who your top tennis players are for your team. Integrity is a key competent in tennis and the expectation is that your best tennis player is #1, next best is #2, etc. Coaches, our office should not be in the business of setting lineups so ensure you are showing strong integrity in this realm and setting lineups appropriately based on guidance in manual for singles and doubles.

Best of luck as we look to close out the month of April already next week.



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