

September 9, 2025

AD's and Tennis Coaches:

We are excited to release the Fall 2025 Individual Singles and Doubles Regional Assignments. With these assignments, we have a few important notes for coaches and regional hosts. Please read this memo carefully to ensure each site runs smoothly.

### **Regional Individual Assignments**

Regional Individual assignments can be found on our website at this [link](#). Regional Team assignments will be released by the end of the week. All assignments and memos will also be posted to our [Tennis Tournament Central](#) as well.

### **Individual Tournament Entry Forms**

The entry forms for the individual tournament can be found on our website under "2025 Tennis Tournament Central." They are also [linked here](#). **Entry forms are due to your respective regional host site by Friday, September 12 at 4:00pm.**

### **Tennis Spectator Behavior Expectations**

We continue to encourage creating a positive environment for all athletes to compete in. Spectators who display inappropriate behaviors or use offensive or degrading language will be asked to leave IGHSAU events. Please reference the Conduct section of the 2025 tennis manual on page three.

### **Seeding**

- Regional Tournament Managers will use sixteen-line bracket systems for singles and doubles with byes or preliminary rounds where necessary. All pairings shall be made under the supervision of the Regional Tournament Manager that has been assigned by the IGHSAU.
- Coaches can recommend only their own players for seeding except all #1 players in the singles draw will be considered for the #1 seed. The seeds will be made by the coaches involved with a majority vote ruling.
- Criteria for individual seeding can include the following in no particular order: overall record (varsity competition only), head to head competition, records against common opponents, returning state qualifier and/or place winner, and UTR rating. UTR rating can be used as a factor when seeding, but should not be the ONLY factor.
- The #1 seeded girl's name shall go on the top line of the upper bracket and the #2 seeded girl shall have her name placed on the bottom line of the lower bracket. If there is agreement on the third seed, then that name will go on the top line of the bottom bracket and the #4 seed will have her name placed on the bottom line of the top bracket.
- Unseeded players in singles will be placed in brackets drawn by lot according to alphabetical order. A girl whose last name is first alphabetically will be placed in the upper bracket on even numbered years and the other girl from the same school will be placed in the lower bracket on even numbered years. This procedure will be reversed on odd numbered years. **Fall 2025 is an even-numbered year (2025-26).**

### **Scoring**

- All matches (outdoors or indoors) up to the semifinals will use the no-ad scoring system with a seven-point tie breaker at six games all in the first two sets. If a third set is required a Match Tie-Break will be used for the third set. There will be a 3-minute break after the 2nd set before the Match Tie-Break begins.
- Starting at the semifinals scoring will be two-out-of-three sets, using regular scoring, with a “seven-point Set Tie-Break” on matches tied at six games apiece.
- Semi-final losers are required to play for third place in case the winner or runner-up would not compete at the state meet. The third-place winner would be the first alternate. This match is played under the no-ad format.

### **Other Reminders**

- Host schools will provide tennis balls for individual regional competition. The IGHSAU will reimburse the host school for tennis balls at the conclusion of the tournament. **The balls MUST be the official ball for the IGHSAU, which is the WILSON T 1071 U.S. OPEN TOURNAMENT SELECT.**
- For rule clarifications, please refer to the 2025 Tennis Manual found on the IGHSAU website under Coaches and Administrators and “Tennis.”
- If inclement weather should be a problem at your regional site, contact the IGHSAU at (515) 401-1843 for further guidance. If play cannot commence at 9:00 a.m., matches will be postponed to 11:00 a.m. At that time, another decision will be made. **No matches should be re-scheduled without prior approval from the IGHSAU.**
- Coaches of each regional individual champion will be invited to a seeding meeting on Thursday, September 25. **Each regional champion school is required to have a representative attend the seeding meeting and participate in the seeding vote.** More information will be sent to state qualifiers after the regional meets.

If you have ANY questions as the tournament goes on, please reach out to me. I look forward to watching each of your girls play and seeing you at the IGHASU state events this championship season.

Best,

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