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AD's and Tennis Coaches,

The IGHSAU's Tennis Advisory Committee met in November, and brought forward several recommendations. Below are the relevant items approved today by the IGHSAU's Board of Directors that **will go into effect for the 2026 fall season**.

1. The tennis postseason will be moved back one week on the same corresponding dates, adding a week to the regular season. The season's start and end dates are below. **Please note that schools will not be allowed more playing dates with this change.**

2026 Girls Tennis Dates

Monday, August 3: Tennis Practice Begins

Thursday, August 6: Tennis Competition Begins

Wednesday, September 23: 1A/2A Individual State Qualifying

Saturday, September 26: Round 1 Team Regionals (1A – Round of 64/48; 2A – Round of 48)

Wednesday, September 30: Round 2 Team Regionals (1A/2A – Round of 32)

Saturday, October 3: Round 3 Team Regionals (1A-2A – Regional Final)

Wednesday, October 7 & Thursday, October 8: 1A/2A Individual State Tennis Tournament

Monday, October 12 & Tuesday, October 13: 1A/2A Team State Tennis Tournament

These dates will be changed in the Unified Calendar with the next round of edits. Dates will be updated in the manual when the 2026 manual is published this spring. Regional and state start times have not changed and will be included in the manual and State Tournament sites will be released this spring.

2. In the state individual bracket, winners of consolation matches 12 and 9 will be interchanged to avoid a teammate matchup for as long as possible.
3. The qualifications sent in by each coach of the team and individual qualifiers will be shared with all voting coaches before the seeding meeting. This will allow for all coaches to have each athlete's or team's qualifications in front of them before the seeding meeting.
4. Warm-ups that occur on the day and site of the state tournament must be only with a teammate or an approved school coach with a coaching authorization.

Other notable items from the meeting are listed below.

Family Week: The Iowa High School Activities Federation Non-Contact Period (Family Week) is July 26 through August 2.

Scheduling Meets: It is not mandatory that schools schedule a meet on the first allowable date. Teams are allowed 12 playing dates throughout the duration of the season.

Integrity: There was a lengthy discussion on coach and player integrity. Please keep this in mind and discuss this amongst coaches and athletes prior to the start of the season.

We will publish State Co-Ed Tennis registration information later this spring. As a reminder, State Co-Ed Tennis will be on June 9, 2026.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,

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