

2023 WIAA/GESA Credit Union

TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKET



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May 26-27	4A BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS Tri-City Court Club Kamiakin HS	Kyle Cowan, AD Kamiakin HS 600 N Arthur St, Kennewick 99336 509-222-6519 kyle.cowan@ksd.org
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	Yakima Tennis Club (Outdoor Courts)	2505 Fruitvale Blvd., Yakima 98902

ALLOCATIONS: Allocations in tennis are made to the WIAA districts.

ATTIRE: Each participant must be wearing an appropriate tennis uniform approved by the school. Cut-offs or jeans are illegal. **All lettering or writing on the uniform is restricted to school identification and manufacturer logo (limited to 1 1/2" x 1 1/2").** Bandannas are illegal; single color unadorned sweat bands and/or head bands are permissible. **Coaches are expected to enforce the dress code.** If a violation occurs, the Tournament Manager or designee is empowered to enforce the Point Penalty System and may disqualify the participant.

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to the 1st through 4th place teams. Medals will be presented to the 1st through 4th in 8 and 12 entry and 1st through 8th place individuals and/or doubles teams in 16 and 20 entry events. All awards will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the tournament. This may be changed at the discretion of the tournament manager.

ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONS: Plaques presented in recognition of academic achievement will be sent directly to the award winning schools (there will not be a presentation at the state tournament site.)

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES: All participants in the state tournament will receive participation recognition certificates. These certificates will be issued to the coach.

BALLS: All WIAA tournament matches require participants to use the Wilson championship balls which are provided.

COACHES: Only the coaches designated on the school registration form filed with the tournament manager will be allowed on or near the court to coach or to warm-up participants. School authorized coaches must wear the wrist bands provided by the tournament manager.

COACHING: While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults or other players; only the recognized school coach is allowed to coach players on the court. Coaching would be permissible during the break between the 1st and 2nd sets (two minutes maximum) and the 2nd and 3rd sets (10 minutes maximum) and any official suspension of play.

COACHES' MEETING: The event manager will review the coach's responsibilities at the coaches' meeting, scheduled as follows:

- 4A: Friday, May 26, 7:30 AM, Kamiakin High School West Gym
- 3A: Friday, May 26, 7:30 AM, Vancouver Tennis Center
- 2A: Friday, May 26, 7:30 AM, Nordstrom Tennis Center, main lobby
- 1B/2B/1A: Friday, May 26, 7:30 AM, Yakima Tennis Club Outdoor Courts

CONCESSIONS: Concession stands may be operated under the management of the site. Souvenir state championship merchandise will be sold by Rush Team Apparel. VTC will have food and beverage trucks on site for the tournament offering breakfast, lunch, snacks, specialty coffee and tea drinks from 7am- 3pm

CONDUCT: Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy from all participants. All coaches, participants and fans have a responsibility to be familiar with the basic rules and customs of tennis.

All spectators, players and coaches are restricted to the areas outside the courts during the progress of a match. Unnecessary noise or distractions are not customary at a tennis match. The applauding of errors is considered very poor etiquette. Applause is in order for winning shots or excellent rallies. The Tournament Manager is empowered to remove anyone displaying unacceptable conduct from the area and may temporarily suspend play, if necessary.

Players, coaches and fans should not talk above a whisper while the ball is in play. Any sound or movement that is made to distract an opponent is not allowed.

No players, coaches or spectators are allowed on the playing court or an adjacent court other than the participants, except to attend to an ill or injured player.

Team members and their spectators shall not harass opposing team players. Electronic sound devices shall not be used during play.

The Tournament Manager or designee shall issue a general explanation to players and coaches prior to state tournament play about the Point Penalty System and define appropriate court behavior and specific types of conduct violations (such as racquet abuse, ball abuse, abuse of officials, delay of game, inappropriate language, or physical contact), and in general, unsportsmanlike conduct. The Tournament manager, upon consultation with the Games Committee, may disqualify players during any state tournament contest.

1. It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to inform players and fans of proper tennis spectator etiquette. If a problem arises, play should be suspended until the offending spectator(s) is removed.
 - a) Proper spectator etiquette will be defined as follows:

- 1) Spectators should clap only to show appreciation for good shots and long rallies (not on unforced errors.)
 - 2) Spectators should refrain from carrying on any direct conversation with players involved in a match.
 - 3) Spectators should refrain from making loud comments questioning the ethics or abilities of any of the players.
2. Players should be warned before the start of a match/tournament that unsportsmanlike displays will result in enforcement of the point penalty system. It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to assess the penalty immediately upon learning of the infraction from tournament management staff.
- a) Some displays of unsportsmanlike acts:
 - 1) Racquet abuse – throwing or slamming the racquet on the ground, against the fence or net, or dropping and kicking the racquet in a show of anger or frustration.
 - 2) Cursing – use of any offensive or vulgar language at a level which can be clearly heard by spectators in a show of anger or frustration.
 - 3) Delay of Game – slamming balls out of the court or intentionally hitting balls away from opponents so they will have to take extra time to retrieve them between points.
 - 4) Unacceptable Behavior toward Opponent -- slamming balls directly at opponents after a point is over, name-calling, etc.
3. Unsportsmanlike behavior directed toward a coach or official (appointed line or foot-fault judge) may result in forfeiture of current match, or, if the infraction occurs following a match, forfeiture of the player’s next scheduled match.
4. All physical contact between players during a match is prohibited. Any such contact may result in a default to the player who initiates this contact.
5. Any appeal of the implementation of the Point Penalty System should be made BEFORE THE NEXT LIVE BALL to the Games Committee.

DRAWS: The draws are approved by the WIAA Executive Board according to the draw criteria. The draws will be posted on the wiaa.com on Sunday, May 21, 2023, and will be posted at the tournament site during the event.

DRAW PROCEDURES:

BRACKET DEFINITIONS: The total tournament first round bracket includes games 1-8. The top half bracket includes games 1-4, the bottom half bracket includes games 5-8. The quarter brackets are as follows: games 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

A modified allocation formula will be followed to determine the #1 teams, with each WIAA District guaranteed a #1 team if that District is allocated at least one (1) team. If Districts elect to combine for qualification purposes, each District will still receive a #1 team. Districts that combine during the regular season would be considered a single District and would receive only one #1 team.

1. The “true” #1 teams from each WIAA District will be drawn first to determine in which half bracket they will be drawn, with an equal number of “true” #1 teams in each half bracket when possible.
 - 1a. The first draw will be to determine into which half bracket, top or bottom half, the first “true” #1 team shall be drawn.

1b. The district with the most #1 teams shall be drawn first, followed in succession by the districts with fewer #1 teams.

1c. The “true” #1 teams shall be drawn into half brackets, alternating top then bottom, or bottom then top, until all “true” #1 teams have been drawn.

1d. As each “true” #1 team is drawn into the top or bottom half bracket, the #2 team from that district will be placed into the opposite half bracket.

1.d.1. With three (3) allocations, the #3 team may be drawn into either half bracket.

1.d.2. With four (4) or more allocations, #1 and #4 will be drawn into the same half bracket and #2 and #3 will be drawn into the same half bracket when possible; any additional allocations may be drawn into either half bracket with an even number, when possible, into each half bracket.

1.d.3. When a District has three (3) or more allocations, they will be drawn into separate quarter brackets when possible.

2. The “true” #1 teams shall be drawn to determine the home team for Games 1-4 and then Games 5-8.

2a. If there are four (4) or fewer “true” #1 teams, they will be drawn into different quarter brackets.

3. Since there are fewer than eight (8) “true” #1 teams, a modified allocation formula will be applied to determine the additional #1 teams. The modified allocation formula will be based upon the number of schools participating in each District/combined District.

3a. With three (3) #1 teams, the #3 team may be drawn into either half bracket.

3b. With four (4) or more #1 teams, #1 and #4 will be drawn into the same half bracket and #2 and #3 will be drawn into the same half bracket when possible.

3c. The additional #1 teams will then be drawn to fill in as the home team for Games 1-4 and then Games 5-8.

4. The remaining teams will then be drawn as the visiting teams for Games 1-8.

4a. Remaining teams will be drawn so that teams from the same district will not play each other in the first round when possible.

4b. If a district has five or more allocations, the #5, #6, etc. teams will go into the draw as potential opponents for its #1 team.

4c. The lowest seeded team from a district will be drawn to play against the highest seeded team from either the same district or a different district.

***#4 Not applicable in a 12 and/or 20 Entry Tournament**

DRESSING ROOMS: Participants are encouraged to come dressed to play. Restrooms are at a premium. Valuables are the responsibility of each school.

ENTRIES: Each school shall be limited to three (3) singles and three (3) doubles entries. A participant may compete in only one (1) event.

Substitution - In the event a qualified contestant is unable to compete, it is the responsibility of the principal of the school of the indisposed contestant(s) to notify the State Tournament Manager, who, in turn, will notify the principal of the next qualified contestant. The replaced contestant will not be allowed

to participate in the State Tournament. This procedure provides for the allocation to be awarded to the individual(s) who qualify and not the school (substitutions of doubles team contestants would not be allowed.) No substitutions will be allowed after the official start of the Tournament.

FORMAT: A modified double elimination tournament will be followed for 8 and 16-entry tournaments. 12 and 20-entry tournaments will have a play-in round to get into either an 8 or 16-entry.

GAMES COMMITTEE: The Games Committee consists of the tournament manager, a non-participating official, WIAA representative, and/or coach not involved in the match in question. The Games Committee, composed of at least three people, will hear and decide on any protest and/or appeal.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: There may be times in the interest of safety, weather, or conditions beyond the control of the participating schools and/or the tournament management that it may be necessary to delay, postpone, or cancel such tournaments. The intent of this policy is to accommodate the participating school(s) by rescheduling if possible.

The following practices shall be observed:

1. If severe weather conditions affect a participating school, but not the tournament, the principal must notify the tournament director.
2. If severe weather conditions affect the tournament, the WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee will make the final decision concerning tournament postponement or rescheduling.
3. Changing of sites or postponement of contests will be determined by the WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee.
4. Play will resume on the next playable date.
5. The WIAA Executive Director has the final authority in determining if a state tournament shall be canceled.

Procedures to follow if contests are rescheduled.

1. The WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee has the final authority on contest rescheduling.
2. If contests are rescheduled on the same day as originally scheduled but at a different site, the semi-final and championship contests will be scheduled at the same time or later than originally scheduled.
3. Time between contests may be shortened. Example: If contests were originally scheduled at two (2) hour intervals, they may be rescheduled at one and one half (1½) hour intervals.
4. Individuals/teams shall be granted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes for rest between contests.
5. Whenever possible contests played on the final day of the tournament shall be scheduled to allow individuals/teams to return to their home community that day.

LODGING:	4A:	Contact the Tri Cities Visitors and Convention Bureau at 1-800-254-5824
	3A:	Contact the Vancouver Visitors and Convention Bureau at https://www.visitvancouverwa.com/
	2A:	Contact the Seattle Visitors and Convention Bureau at visitseattle.org
	1B/2B/1A:	Contact the Yakima Visitors & Convention Bureau at 1-800-221-0751

MATCH SCHEDULES: Each tournament manager will determine the schedule for all matches. Alternative schedules may be drafted due to inclement weather.

OFFICIALS: A USTA official may be on site to assist as needed. Each player is expected to observe the rules and to call shots correctly when receiving. Site pros will be on hand throughout the tournament. Line judges will not be assigned unless requested by a participant. **Both coaches of the players involved in that match will serve as the line judges.**

PARKING:

Yakima - No RV Parking on 35th Ave. in Yakima. Designated parking will be outlined by the site manager at the other sites.

Vancouver - An overflow parking attendant will assist with overflow parking on May 26 especially, but parking will be in our two lots as well as on Campus Drive behind the building.

RULES OF PLAY: USTA contest administration rules shall apply.

1. Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded. After the second set, either player is entitled to rest which shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.
2. The foot fault rule is to be observed. In the event of an alleged infraction of the rule, the player may contact the referee or tournament manager and request a line judge. **Both coaches of the players involved in that match will serve as the line judges.**
3. A participant may compete in more than two (2) matches per day.
4. 12-Point Tie Breaker Method For Singles & Doubles
Singles - A serves first point (from right court); B serves points 2 and 3 (left and right); A serves points 4 and 5 (left and right); B serves point 6 (left) and after they change ends, point 7 (right). A serves points 8 and 9 (left and right); B serves points 10 and 11 (left and right) and A serves 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, players change ends and continue as before. A serves point 13 (right); B serves points 14 and 15 (left and right); etc., etc., until one player establishes a margin of two points. Players change ends for one game to start the next set, with Player B to serve first.

Doubles - Follows the same pattern as singles, with partners preserving the sequence of their serving turns. Assuming A & B vs C & D - Player A serves first point (right); C serves 2 and 3 (left and right); B serves 4 and 5 (left and right); D serves point 6 (left) and after teams change ends, point 7 (right). A serves 8 and 9 (left and right); C serves 10 and 11 (left and right) and B serves point 12 (left). If points reach 6-all, teams change ends and continue as before. B serves point 13 (right); D serves points 14 and 15 (left and right); etc., until one team establishes a margin of two points. Teams change ends for one game to start the next set, with team C & D to serve first.
5. **Changing Sites of the Court** - Individuals or doubles teams switch in every set on odd games. If the score at the end of a set is 6-3 (total of 9 games), the participants will change ends for one game, then change ends again before playing the next two games. If the score is even (6-4), the participants will stay for one game and then change ends.
6. **Speed Up Rule** - The "no ad" rule can be used in case of emergency or inclement weather, but must be determined before each match begins.

SCHOOL BANNERS: Only one official school banner made of cloth or vinyl may be posted.

TEAM POINTS: Team points will be earned as follows in each event:

20-Entry Event Team Points - Team points will be earned as follows in each event:

1 st place	11 points
2 nd place	10 points
3 rd place	9 points
4 th place	8 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	6 points
7 th place	5 points
8 th place	4 points

All other players get 2 points for each match won, Play-in match (games 1-4) winners will receive 1 point for a win

16-Entry Event Team Points - Team points will be earned as follows in each event:

1 st place	11 points
2 nd place	10 points
3 rd place	9 points
4 th place	8 points
5 th place	7 points
6 th place	6 points
7 th place	5 points
8 th place	4 points

All other players get 2 points for each match won

12-Entry Event Team Points - Team points will be earned as follows in each event:

1 st place	11 points
2 nd place	10 points
3 rd place	9 points
4 th place	8 points

All other players get 2 points for each match won, Play-in match (games 1-4) winners will receive 1 point for a win

8-Entry Event Team Points - Team points will be earned as follows in each event:

1 st place	11 points
2 nd place	10 points
3 rd place	9 points
4 th place	8 points

All other players get 2 points for each match won

TEAM PHYSICIAN / ATHLETIC TRAINER: A physician or athletic trainer will be on site as the designated tournament medical authority. If your school will have a team physician and/or athletic trainer in attendance, please complete the attached form and submit the form to the tournament manager upon arrival at the site.

TICKETING: There is no admission charge.

WARM-UP TIME: Is limited to 10 minutes and includes service. In doubles, both balls should be used simultaneously.