

WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION

2022-23 Bound for State Regulations



May 26-27, 2023

1B/2B/1A:	Yakima Tennis Club	(Yakima)
2A:	Nordstrom Tennis Center	(Seattle)
3A:	Vancouver Tennis Center	(Vancouver)
4A:	Kamiakin High School & Tri-City Court Club	(Kennewick)

Changes from the 2021-22 Tennis Regulations are indicated in bold type and shaded.

Youth Support of Team - The WIAA will not allow any students younger than high school age to participate in supporting roles at a WIAA State Championship unless the parent/guardian signs a waiver ahead of time and acknowledges they assume all risk. The WIAA's catastrophic insurance does not cover these younger students so they assume all risk related to injury. Such roles to include student trainers, student managers, student coaches, student scorekeepers, student bat and ball boys/girls, student water boys/girls, etc.

Note: A school cannot sign a WIAA waiver on behalf of an individual - all WIAA waivers MUST be signed by the parent/guardian of the minor.

A copy of the attached waiver must be provided to the tournament manager PRIOR to any games where this applies. In addition, schools need to keep a copy of the waiver with them at all times during the event.

Format

A modified double elimination tournament will be followed.

Entries

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

Each school will be billed a \$40.00 entry fee for each individual participating in the State Championships.

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.

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, jeans and exposed midriffs 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.

Court Assignments

Courts for matches will be assigned by the official in charge.

Game Balls

Game balls will be provided at the state tournament.

Warm-up Time

Is limited to 10 minutes and includes service. In doubles, both balls should be used simultaneously.

Coaching

While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults or other players; only the recognized school coach (one person only) is allowed to coach players on the court. Coaching is 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.

Conduct

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.

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.

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 the infraction of the rule, the player may contact the referee or tournament manager and request a foot fault judge.
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.

Changing Sides 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, and 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.

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.

Officials

Most matches will not have line judges. Each player is expected to observe the rules and to call shots correctly when receiving. In the event a player should want line judges, the participant's coach must make the request to the Tournament Manager and that coach will serve as one of the line judges.

Spectators

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.

Team Points

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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

Award Presentations

Trophies and medals will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the tournament. This may be changed at the discretion of the tournament manager.

UNDERAGE WORKER FORM: RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK,

AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")

Sport: _____ Role: _____ Date of Event: _____

School Representing (if applicable): _____ Athletic Director: _____

In consideration of participating in the **2022-23 Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)** _____ **(NAME OF EVENT),**

I represent that I understand the nature of this Activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I acknowledge that if I believe event conditions are unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the Activity.

I fully understand that this Activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event takes place, or the negligence of the "Releasees" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue **Washington Interscholastic Activities Association**, its respective WIAA Districts, administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "Releasees" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature, and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Student Participant

Date

PARENTAL CONSENT

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the above referenced activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to have been caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any Releasee may incur as the result of any such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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