



2024 AIA State Team Tennis

ADMINISTRATOR AND COACH TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2024 AIA State Team Tournament Scoring:

- All forfeitures shall be scored as a match won by the opposition.
- The format will be six (6) singles and three (3) doubles matches.
- Team wins when 5 points are reached. Matches in progress are stopped.
- Singles will be played first, followed by the doubles matches. Players will be allowed no more than 10 minutes at the conclusion of singles to begin doubles matches in the team tournament if their opponent in doubles is available for play.
- Singles matches will be best two (2) out of three (3) sets with a 10 point tie-breaker played (instead of a full third set) in the event players split sets. Players switch sides every 6 points. Regular scoring will be used (Ad scoring).
- Doubles will be decided by an eight (8) game pro-set. Regular scoring will be used (Ad scoring).
- A twelve (first to 7 ahead by 2) point tiebreaker will be used at 6 all in singles or 8 all in doubles.
- Current USTA Rules of Tennis will apply in all matches. The rules in the current edition of the United State Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis will apply in all matches. USTA Rules and Regulations may be found at “Friend at Court 2022” (at <https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2022-pdfs/2022%20Friend%20at%20Court.pdf>).

Check in Times:

- All team head coaches are to report to the site director/tournament table fifteen (15) minutes before listed check-in time. USTA default penalties are in effect.

Rules:

- Rules shall be those of the current U.S. Tennis Association Official Rules of Tennis with exceptions noted in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws and these tournament instructions.
- **ARTICLE 29, TENNIS (A.I.A. Bylaws)**
 - **29.1.1** The rules in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions will apply in all matches.
 - **29.1.1.2 EXCEPTION: The following exceptions to the USTA Code of Conduct Rules shall apply:**
 - First offense is point penalty
 - Second offense is game penalty
 - Third offense is disqualification
 - There is no carry over from one match to another.
 - **29.1.1.3 EXCEPTION; USTA injury rule shall apply:**
 - 5 minutes to get trainer (or coach) to court
 - 2 minutes to diagnose injury or illness
 - 3 minutes to treat
 - 90 seconds on changeover does not count toward the above minutes
 - Lack of conditioning injuries is included in this rule.
Player may receive treatment for the same injury only once for the match
- A practice or competition on the site of the AIA State Individual Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven (7) calendar days prior to the State championship, except if the site is utilized by the school as their regular season practice site per AIA bylaw; article 29.9.3.

Coaches and Coaching:

- Only the school board approved head coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to coach.
- Coaching is allowed during 90 second changeovers starting with the first official changeover, which is after the third game of each set. No coaching is allowed after the first game of each set; this is simply a changeover.
- Coaching is allowed after each set including after the second set and prior to the tie-breaker.
- Coaching is done outside the court.
- Coaching is not allowed in between points or during a game.
- Coaching is not allowed during a tiebreaker.
- Communication must not interfere with the continuation of play.
- Coaching by other players, parents or spectators during play and in between games or sets during a match is not allowed.
- Any violation shall result in forfeiture of the contest and elimination of the team or individual from that tournament as recommended by the Tournament Director.
- Coaches should provide the Site Director with a cell phone number where they can be reached in case one of their players needs attention or the tournament clerk needs to reach you on site.

Dressing Facilities

- All bathroom/dressing facilities are open to both teams and the general public.

Uniforms

- School identifiable issued uniforms must be worn.
- Participants must wear school administrative approved tennis appropriate clothing.

Rest Intervals

- There will be rest intervals between sets and between matches. The rest interval between matches will be per USTA rule. The referee may lengthen the intervals due to weather or other justifiable conditions.
- USTA now specifies that “there shall be” a two minute break at the end of each set (the time is determined from the last ball struck at the end of the set, to the first ball struck to begin the next set).
- There is no rest on the changeover after the first game of any set. All other changeovers players are entitled (as previously) to 90 seconds rest. (Again, the time is determined from the last ball struck at the end of the game, until the first ball struck to begin the next game).

Awards

- Team awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony following the completion of team play.

Inclement weather and Departure from tournament site:

In case of inclement weather, it is the coach’s responsibility to:

- Check with the Site Director to determine tournament schedule.

- Review with the Site Director the site and time of a coaches meeting in which possible changes of schedule for tournament play will be determined.
- Advise all participants that they shall not leave the tournament site prior to clearance from the Site Director.
- If a coach or participant fails to comply and a participant fails to appear for a scheduled match, the participant may be disqualified by the site director and/or the tournament director, and the tournament shall continue.

Programs and Souvenirs:

PepWear is the official supplier for AIA Programs and Souvenirs. *Sale or distribution of AIA State Tournament related game programs, t-shirts or any other souvenirs by any individual or company other than PepWear at any AIA State Tournament playoff site or game is prohibited.*

T-shirts, caps, etc. will be available at as many sites as possible. You may also purchase souvenirs by visiting the website shop.azpreps365.com.

Parents, spectators and participants want to see their school team picture and names included in the souvenir program. School coaches and athletic directors should make every effort to meet the posted AIA State Tennis Tournament program deadlines.

Certified Athletic Trainers:

There will be a certified athletic trainer at the AIA State Tennis Tournament centralized site.

A QMP is not required to be at AIA State Team Tennis high seed site, per the AIA Qualified Medical Professional State Tournament Policy.

Water and Ice:

Water and Gatorade will be provided at the tournament site. The certified athletic trainer will have ice and supplies to treat injuries. Please be sure players clean up any litter before leaving courts.

Officials:

Team Tournament: AIA certified tennis officials will be employed for semi-final/finals matches as "roving umpires". (Officials indicate that player behavior needs to be addressed and encourage coaches to focus on this aspect with their players).

Tennis Balls:

The AIA will provide the tennis balls for all Team (semis & final) tournament site venues.

2024 ADMISSION PRICE

All spectators need to purchase tickets online through the following links:

<https://gofan.co/app/school/AIA>

tickets.azpreps365.com

You may purchase tickets prior to the event (strongly encouraged) or onsite at the gate. You may scan with your phone camera on the QR code board at the gate to bring up the website to purchase the ticket. No cash payments.

No limits per transaction for number of tickets.

Neutral Site State Tournament Games:

\$15.00 Adults

\$7.50 High School Student with ID

Including: Paseo Racquet Center and Scottsdale Ranch Park

FREE ADMISSION

Children five or under

Team Players (in identifiable school uniform) entering with their varsity coach (only on the day of their competition)

All tournament workers

Media with AIA issued media credentials

AIA Lifetime Pass Holder and One Guest

AIA Complimentary Pass and One Guest

Photo ID required for AIA Pass Holder and all AIA Complimentary Passes

Team Tennis

- The last date, for all divisions, of regular season team tennis competition for inclusion in the current season's power rank tabulation is **Wednesday, April 17, 2024**. ○ All athletic directors must confirm the accuracy of their tennis team's season won/loss results (as reported to the AIA power rank system, prior to the result reporting deadline of 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 to be included in the power rating calculations.
- The brackets will be posted on the AIA website following the final tabulations of the power rankings on **April 18, 2024**.
- The bracket will be 16 teams. The top 16 ranked teams and all section champions qualify for the tournament. If a section champion is ranked outside the top 16, the section champion plays a play-in match versus the team in the top 16 at the higher ranked team's site (rather than replacing them). For example: Section champions are ranked #17 and #30; #30 will play at #15 and #17 will play at #16. Winner of these matches will be placed in the 16 team state team tournament.
- Tournament Dates: **April 19** (Girls & Boys Play-in matches if necessary)...**April 23** (Girls First Round at High Seed), **April 24** (Boys First Round at High Seed), **April 30** (Girls Quarters at High Seed), **May 1** (Boys Quarters at High Seed), **May 3** (G & B Semis-Div. I at Scottsdale Ranch Park; Div. II, III at Paseo Racquet Center), **May 4** (G & B Finals-Div. I, II, III at Paseo Racquet Center)

Team Tournament Line-ups:

Each team who receives a berth into the team championship shall submit their **best** line-up and alternate players through the Roster page on the School's log-in page no later than **6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024. Line-ups will be frozen at this point.**

Line-up Process: From the school login page on www.aiaonline.org, you must select rosters and list your team members. Once all members are listed, select and number your **best** six Varsity singles players in rank order starting with your best player at #1. Additionally, select your **best** three doubles team players and number them in rank order starting with your best team at #1. These line-ups can be changed throughout the regular season. **At 6:00 p.m. on April 19, 2024 these line-ups will be frozen and this will become your state tournament line-up.**

Once a team's line-up is submitted:

- Players must play singles in order of ability. When a regular team member is unable to participate in his/her established singles position, that position shall be filled by advancing team members with the alternate coming into the bottom of the line-up. For example: if the #4 singles player cannot play; the #5 singles player moves up to #4, #6 to #5, alternate to #6. (AIA bylaw; article 29.7.4)
- Doubles teams must play in order of ability as a team. When a regular team member is unable to participate in his/her established doubles position, that position shall be filled by a direct line substitution. This is done by inserting the alternate into the missing player's position on that doubles team. For example: The missing player is on the #2 doubles team, the alternate will take their place on the #2 doubles team. (AIA bylaw 29.7.4)
- If a team does not have enough players to fill all singles and doubles spots, they shall forfeit a match with the lowest position and moving upwards.
- High seed site athletic directors have the responsibility to hold both teams that play at their site to the line-up submitted to the AIA for the team tournament.

State Tournament Score Reporting

Post-Season Results- immediately at the conclusion of the match:

Two hours prior to start of your state tournament match, an email will be sent to the visiting and host school athletic director, as well as the host high school venue (if a neutral site) with a score reporting link. At the conclusion of the match, any of the three mentioned above may click on the score reporting link to be taken to the scores portion of their admin (upon logging into the system) to enter the game result. The goal is to have the result reported and posted immediately at the conclusion of the game.

Rules for Paseo Racquet Center, Scottsdale Ranch Park

The AIA host site for the State Tennis Tournament request that all players, coaches and fans adhere to the club's rules related to the following:

- No ice coolers or food chest of any type are allowed to be brought onto the tennis facility property. Please keep all coolers or food chest in the team transportation vehicle.
- No food or drink is allowed to be brought into the facility from off property
- Food will be available for purchase at Paseo Racquet Center
- Gatorade and Water will be provided at the trainer station for all athletes
- Admission will be charged for spectators.

ADA COMPLIANCE NOTICE

ADA NOTICE:

It is the policy of the Arizona Interscholastic Association not to discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services and activities, or in its hiring and employment practices.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as sign language interpreter, by making a request to the office staff. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. **AIA ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER:**

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information may be forwarded to the AIA ADA Compliance officer:

David Hines – Assistant Executive Director Arizona
Interscholastic Association, Inc.
7007 North 18th Street
Phoenix, Arizona, 85020
602-385-3810

AzPreps365.com Video Streaming: Any school wanting to video stream a playoff game in any round must contact Brian Bolitho, bbolitho@aiaonline.org. The exclusive rights for post season tournaments belongs to the NFHS Network; however, schools may broadcast a first round through semi-final game through Azpreps365.com/NFHSNetwork.com and not have to pay a rights fee. Any school wishing to broadcast on a third party website will be subject to the rights fee of that sport.