



2017 AIA State Team Tennis

ADMINISTRATOR AND COACH TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2017 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.
- 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 full third set played in the event players split sets.
- Doubles will be decided by an eight (8) game pro-set.
- A seven (7) 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 site director is responsible for having a copy available for team state tournament matches.

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 28, TENNIS (A.I.A. Bylaws)**
 - **28.1.1** The rules in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions will apply in all matches.
 - **28.1.1.2 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.
 - **28.1.1.3 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.
- 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 28.9.3.
- All serves will be taken during warm-up period. Play is continuous.

Coaches and Coaching:

- **Only the school board approved head coach and one assistant coach be allowed to coach during changeovers or between games.** Those coaching periods will be the ninety (90) second change over and during the rest period between the second (2nd) and third (3rd) sets. The coach shall remain outside the court. 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.

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Programs and Souvenirs:

Kukulski Brothers 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 the Kukulski Brothers at any AIA State Tournament playoff site or game is prohibited.*

T-shirts, caps, etc. will be available at as many sites as possible. Please call David Kukulski or Dan Kukulski at (480) 921-1975 if you have any questions regarding AIA Souvenirs,.

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 sites, 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 all of matches as "roving umpires" including Saturday's semi-final/finals matches. (Officials indicate that foot faults are the most common infraction and encourage coaches to review these rules.)

Tennis Balls:

The AIA will provide the Wilson tennis balls for all Team (semi & final) site tournament venues. If players split sets, two (2) new balls will be provided for the third set.

2017 ADMISSION PRICE

Neutral Site State Tournament Games: \$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 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 **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**.
 - **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 Tuesday, April 18, 2017.**
- **All team tennis match competition must be reported to the AIA website prior to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, to be included in the power rating calculations.**
- The brackets will be posted on the AIA website , following the final tabulation of the power rank on April 19, 2017.

Team Tournament Line-ups:

Each team who receives a berth into the team championship shall submit their line-up and alternate players through the Roster page on the School's log-in page no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

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 top six Varsity singles players in rank order (#1 - #6)start with your best player at #1. In addition select your top three doubles team players and number them in rank order (#1 - #3). These line-ups can be changed throughout the regular season. At 12:00 noon on April 21, 2016 the line-ups will be frozen and this will become your state tournament line-up.

Once a team's line-up is submitted:

- Each team must play each round with the same line-up. Players must play singles in order of ability. In the event of injury or illness, all singles players must move up a position to replace the injured or ill player. (AIA bylaw; article 28.6.4)
- * Doubles teams must play in order of ability as a team. A direct line substitution may be made in the event of injury or illness.
- 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 line up submitted to the AIA for the team tournament.**

State Tournament Score Reporting

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

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.**

Paseo Racquet Center Rules

Scottsdale Ranch Park Rules

The AIA host site for the 2016 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:

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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.