

Week #5 – September 9, 2024

Please read through this information as this is important information coaches need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation(s) or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email ssmith@kshsaa.org. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

STUDENT MANAGER GUIDELINES

School tennis players who serve as team managers during the opposite tennis season must confine their duties to traditional managerial tasks (i.e. keeping statistics, organizing equipment, pre and post practice/match duties). They may not hit/play in practice as this would be a violation of KSHSAA Rule 30, Seasons of Activity.

See page 20 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual for full language regarding this policy.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS UPDATE

As of today, we are waiting to hear from two schools regarding hosting regional tennis. The goal is to get Regional assignments posted by September 13, 2024, as stated in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual.

GROUP VS PRIVATE INSTRUCTION INTERPRETATION OF RULE 26-1-4

Art. 4: A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by colleges or other outside agencies in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport.

Q/A: A student who is a member of their school tennis team belongs to the local Tennis Club.

1. What may the student do at the Tennis Club during the school season of sport?
 - a. The student may take a private lesson.
 - b. The student may play/hit with another club member at a time of their choosing but not during an organized group training session.
2. What would be considered a violation of this rule?
 - a. A student may not participate in Group instruction.
 - b. a student may not participate in an organized group training session.

DOUBLES TENNIS EXCEPTION: Given the uniqueness of teamwork when playing doubles tennis, a doubles pair may receive private instruction and not be in violation. Once their school coach identifies a doubles team, those two doubles partners may participate in a private lesson together without violating this rule.

See page 21 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual for full language regarding this policy.

REMINDER(S):

DEFAULTS – NEW RULES

Defaults will be treated as a loss and will be used in seeding processes (only for directs and NOT for indirects). The athlete will not be eligible to participate in the remainder of the tournament. If the default is determined to be a medical default by a medical advisory team (coach, tournament manager, onsite medical personnel), the medical default will not be counted in seeding. If the athlete is cleared and determined healthy enough to continue play by the medical advisory team, the athlete may do so. Retired matches will be used in seeding (only as a direct). See *page 21 in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual* for full language regarding this policy.

Looking Ahead:

September 13: Regional Assignments Posted

October 11-12: Regionals

October 18-19: State Tennis

Girls' State Tennis (October 18-19, 2024)

Class 6A: Prairie Village-Harmon Park Tennis Complex (Host - Shawnee Mission East HS)

Class 5A: Andover District Tennis Complex (Host - Andover Central HS)

Class 4A: Topeka-Kosover Tennis Center (Host - Topeka-Hayden HS)

Class 3-1A: Wichita-Riverside Tennis Complex (Host – Wichita-Collegiate HS)

Useful Websites/Links

KSHSAA Tennis Website: [KSHSAA Tennis](#)

KSHSAA Tennis Manual: [Tennis.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](#)

USTA: [USTA](#)

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