

Coaches Passes: Please be advise that upon arrival to the Cooper Tennis Complex that all school approved coaches will be required to show Photo ID to secure their “Coaches Hangtag/Pass” for admittance into the championships. You can only pick up your own pass and you cannot secure the coaches hangtag/pass for another coach. All coaches have to show photo ID for their own coaches pass.

Coaches Meetings: Team Qualifiers- A coaches meeting will take place at 8am on Thursday, May 23rd. Please arrive early to secure your qualifier packets so that you can be on time to the coaches meeting in order for play to get started on time. **Individual Qualifiers-** A coaches meeting will take place at 8am on Friday, May 24th. Please arrive early to secure your qualifier packets so that you can be on time to the coaches meeting in order for play to get started on time.

Team Lineups: All Team qualifying schools must exchange lineups during the 8am coaches meeting. Each team’s lineup for both team matches(semi-final and final/third place match) must stay the same unless there is an injury or illness of a player that results in a direct substitution per the provisions covered in Appendix B of the MSHSAA Tennis Manual.

B. STATE SCHEDULE

1. TEAM COMPETITION Thursday – May 23rd

8:00 a.m. – Coaches Meeting.

9:00 a.m. – Class 1 and Class 2 Team Semifinals.

TBA (not before 1:00 p.m.) – Class 1 and Class 2 Team Finals.

2. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Friday - May 24th

8:00 a.m. – Coaches Meeting.

9:00 a.m. – Class 1 Singles and Doubles 1st Rounds immediately followed by Class 2 Singles and Doubles 1st rounds.

Play will proceed as courts are available. Starting Class Rotates Each year.

Play continues through match #20 in each bracket.

Saturday – May 25th

9:00 a.m. – Championship and Consolation Semifinals.

3rd, 5th and 7th place matches to be played 60 minutes after completion of player’s consolation/championship semifinals.

1:00 p.m. – Championship (1st Place) Matches.

I. **INDIVIDUAL STATE: INDIVIDUAL SINGLES AND DOUBLES DRAW POSTED ON MSHSAA WEBSITE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd.**

1. **AWARDS:** Medals will be presented to the first **eight** place winners in both singles and doubles competition.
2. **PAIRINGS** (Individual Championships):
 - a. Competitors will not be seeded for the state tournament.
 - b. The state bracket will be drawn by lot in such manner that district winners or runner ups from the same individual district or sectional will be drawn in the bracket opposite of each other.
 - c. If two or more of the first **eight** place winners at the state tournament the previous year return, they will be placed as follows provided they win their respective individual district tournaments during the current year. This procedure, as below, will be followed unless two returning state place winners come from the same district. Should this occur, priority will be given to keeping the common-district players in opposite halves of the draw.
 - If two return from the top eight the preceding year, they will be placed in opposite halves of the draw.
 - If three return from the top eight the preceding year, the best of the year before will be placed in the half opposite to the other two, and they will be placed in different quarters of their half.
 - If four return from the top eight the preceding year, the first and fourth finishers of the year before will be placed in different quarters of the same half of the draw, and the second and third finishers of the year before will be placed in different quarters of the other half of the draw.
 - If five return from the top eight the preceding year, the fifth place finisher will be placed in the same quarter of the draw as the fourth place finisher.
 - If six return from the top eight the preceding year, the sixth place finisher will be placed in the same quarter of the draw as the third place finisher.
 - If seven return from the top eight the preceding year, the seventh place finisher will be placed in the same quarter of the draw as the second place finisher.
 - If eight return from the top eight the preceding year, the eighth place finisher will be placed in the same quarter of the draw as the first place finisher.
 - d. A consolation bracket will be played at the state tournament, weather permitting. Second round losers will be cross-bracketed to eliminate the likelihood of two competitors playing each other a second time. Semifinal losers will play each other for third place. Consolation semifinal winners will constitute the fifth place match while the consolation semifinal losers will play the seventh place match. The tournament will, however, revert back to single elimination if weather dictates.
3. **OFFICIALS:** Roving officials will be utilized at the state tournament for individual competition. The roving officials make no calls without an appeal, with the exception of foot faults and code violations.
4. **ADMISSION:** The daily admission for the state tournament is **\$8.00** for all individuals age six and above.
5. **REST PERIOD/BREAK:** Every effort will be made to allow players 60 minutes between matches. See MSHSAA Tennis Manual, page 7, for Rest Periods as determined by USTA Friend at Court.
6. **TENNIS BALLS:** Balls for the state tournament will be furnished by the MSHSAA.
7. **REGULATIONS:** The same regulations that apply to the individual district tournament and sectionals will apply to the state tournament except where differences are noted.

8. **SCORING:** Best 2 of 3, Ad scoring is used for Individual State play in the main draw. **CONSOLATION ROUNDS:** All

Consolation/back draw matches will be “no-ad” scoring.

9. **COURT AREA:** Only contestants who are warming up or competing, or school coaches, shall be permitted inside the fence around the courts. No spectators may enter the court area. News media personnel may be allowed inside the court area at the discretion of the tournament director. (see *Coaching*, page 4)

10. **LODGING:** Teams will be responsible for their own hotel reservations. **The 2018-2019 host hotel for the state tennis championships is the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri. Please identify yourself as being in attendance at the state tennis championships to receive the event rate.**

11. **TIE BREAKER:** The Tie Breaker Procedure approved by the USTA will be used in the state tournament matches. (see *Tie Breaker Procedure*, page 7)