

2017 Tennis

Classification - based on grades 9-12

5A	1280 and over
4A	1279-640
3A	639 and under

2017 Tennis Season

First day of practice	February 24, 2017
First match	After 10 days of practice
Dist. Tourn. completion	May 13
State Tournament	May 19-20

Match Limitations

No team or individual shall play more than 18 regular season dates. A contestant who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSAA-sponsored tennis competition. Friday after 3:00 p.m. and Saturday counts as one of the allowed dates. A two-day tournament starting prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday will be counted as two of the allowed dates.

Participation in Special Events

Competing in outside non high school events during the IHSAA season is prohibited. See Outside Competition Rule 8-11. Exceptional student-athletes may participate in special events (i.e. Intermountain ranking tournament) without loss of eligibility provided approval of the high school principal and the IHSAA is obtained at least 30 days prior to the event. Participation will count towards the individual's allowed number of dates, but will not count towards the team's allowed number of dates.

2017 State Tournament

Date	May 19-20, 2017
Sites	5A: Timberline High School
	4A: Boise Racquet & Swim Club
	3A: Vallivue High School, Caldwell

State Tournament Rules

1. The state tournament consists of five events: Boys and Girls Singles, Boys and Girls Doubles, Mixed Doubles. Individuals may enter only one event.
2. USTA rules of play will be followed, except as modified by IHSAA rules and regulations.
3. Tournament management and USTA officials are responsible for ensuring that matches are played under conditions which are consistent and fair to all players. USTA officials will monitor play at each site if possible.
4. Matches will be assigned approximate times. Players must report at least 30 minutes prior to the assigned match time, and are responsible for checking the tournament's progress before leaving the site during a break.
5. Two new balls will be provided for all matches. If supply is sufficient, new balls will be provided for third sets.
6. Coaching is permitted by an official school coach (as designated by the local Board of Trustees) during side changes (max time: 1 ½ minutes) and during the interim of split sets. Coaches are not permitted inside the fence at outdoor courts. One official school coach may sit courtside at indoor facilities.
7. Spectators (including other players) must remain outside the fence at outdoor sites and may not sit courtside at indoor

sites. Spectators must observe etiquette rules and exhibit respectful behavior to all officials, coaches and players.

Playing Procedures

1. Winners shall report score and return balls to the tournament desk immediately following the match.
2. The server shall call out score prior to serving each point.
3. A player shall not touch a ball that appears to be going out of bounds until it has touched the court or fence, but should indicate vocally or by gesture when the ball is out.
4. A linesman will be provided if requested by a player. Linesmen will call only the area they are assigned to call. Coaches are expected to call lines when requested by tournament management.

Time Limits

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| 1. 15 minutes | Report for match (after first call) |
| 2. 10 minutes | Warm-up (including serves) |
| 3. 3 minutes | Interim for split sets |
| 4. 15 minutes | Minimum time between matches |
| 5. 30 minutes | Maximum time between matches |
| 6. 10 minutes | Correct improper dress |
| 7. 10 minutes | Recover from injury |

Penalties for Unsportsmanlike Behavior

1. A match may be defaulted as a result of:
 - a. Player Sportsmanship: Displays of inappropriate behavior such as poor sportsmanship, profane language or gestures, disrespectful or uncooperative behavior towards officials, throwing a racquet, intentionally distracting an opponent.
 - b. Spectator Sportsmanship: Inappropriate behaviors as listed above, continued disregard for tournament rules.
2. The procedure for a. and b. above shall follow the USTA Point Penalty System (PPS).
1st offense – loss of point; 2nd offense – loss of game;
3rd offense – loss of match
3. Blatant disregard of tournament rules or egregious behavior by a player, coach or spectator may result in disqualification from the tournament.

Forfeiture of Match

Forfeiture of a match will result from the following:

1. Failure to arrive at the designated time to compete
2. Failure to correct improper dress within time limit
3. Failure to resume after injury within time limit

Uniforms

Uniform requirements are in effect for district and state tennis. Uniforms must be tennis issued or authorized by the school.

Shirts/Tops

1. School name, school initials, or mascot name must be affixed to the shirt/top in a permanent/semi-permanent manner. These items cannot be made out of tape or paper, nor be taped or glued. Names or description of sports other than tennis are not permitted.
2. Sleeveless shirts, scoop necks, t-backs, etc. are permitted. Tank tops that are overly loose with unusually large, loose armholes are not permitted.
3. Shirts/tops must be of sufficient length to cover midriff when standing.
4. Shirts/tops may not have commercial advertising with the exception of a 2 ¼" x 2 ¼" manufacture's logo.

Shorts/Skirts

Shorts/Skirts must be tennis-style and of solid color; nominal trim is allowed.

Dresses

Tennis dresses are permitted provided the top meets shirt requirement and the bottom meets skirt requirement.

Shoes

Standard tennis/court shoes with non-marking soles must be worn.

Hats

Standard baseball caps or visors may be worn.

1. Hats must be solid color; nominal trim is allowed
2. School name, initials, mascot or small mfg. logo are allowed.

Headbands/Wristbands

1. Headbands and wristbands must be of soft material and fit snugly.
2. Scarves are not allowed.
3. Bandannas may be worn only as an appropriate headband.

Sweats/Warm-ups

1. Sweats/warm-ups may be worn in inclement weather.
2. Advertising shall not be displayed with the exception of a 2 ¼ x 2/14 manufacturer's logo.

Undergarments

1. Visible garments worn under the shirt or shorts must be a solid color. (includes sleeves, sports bras, compression shorts, etc.
2. If compression shorts are worn, they must be under the regular shorts.

2017 Representation

<u>5A</u>		<u>4A</u>		<u>3A (13-team draw)</u>	
I-II	3	I/II	2	I/II	4
III	9	III	5	III	6
V/VI	4	IV	5	IV/V/VI	3
		V/VI	4		

(IHSAA Board will finalize representation at the August Board meeting)

State Tournament Brackets

The 4A and 5A tournaments will be seeded. See "Seeding Guidelines" adopted by the IHSAA (www.idhsaa.org).

Drawing Priorities: The 3A tournament is not seeded.

Tournament brackets are randomly drawn following guidelines listed below. Draws will be modified as necessary to accommodate changes in representation and adjusted as necessary to accommodate priorities. The following draw priorities will be used to the extent possible.

3A:

1. Number twos and threes will draw to the opposite half of the bracket from their district's number one.
2. Number twos and threes from the same district will draw the same half, but opposite quarters.
3. Qualifiers from the same school should draw to opposite halves first, then opposite quarters, if possible. If the #2 and #3 from one district are from the same school, then the #3 will be moved to the opposite half, and in the opposite quarter from the district's #1.
4. Qualifiers from the same district should not meet in the first round, if possible.

In the event that a qualifier is unable to participate in the state tournament due to circumstances beyond the player's control, the following guidelines will be followed when substituting the district alternate:

1. 3A Tournament:
 - a. If district champion or runner-up drops:
 1. Remove player and advance remaining district qualifiers one position.
 2. Place resulting district #1 and #2 according to draw priorities.
 3. Re-draw remaining players in the bracket.
 - b. If district #3 or lower (#4, #5, #6...) drops:
 1. The district alternate will be directly substituted into the draw.
 2. The alternate will take the same place in the draw as the player who became unable to play. The bracket will not be re-drawn.
 - c. If one member of a doubles team is unable to participate, an alternate from that same school will be allowed to substitute on the doubles team, regardless of the district tournament results. The bracket will not be re-drawn.
 - d. If both members of a doubles team are unable to participate, procedures a. and b. (above) will be followed.
2. 4A and 5A Tournaments:
 - a. If seeded player drops:
 1. Take the 8 seeds, and remove student who is unable to play.
 2. Move the other seeds up one spot and pull up the #9 player into the #8 seed spot.
 3. Place district alternate into the group that will be drawn for spots #9-#16.
 4. Re-draw the bracket.

- b. If non-seeded player drops:
 - 1. The district alternate will be directly substituted into the draw.
 - 2. The alternate will take the same place in the draw as the player who became unable to play. The bracket will not be re-drawn.
- c. If one member of a doubles team is unable to participate, an alternate from that same school will be allowed to substitute on the doubles team, regardless of the district tournament results. The bracket will not be re-drawn.
- d. If both members of a doubles team are unable to participate, procedures a. and b. (above) will be followed.

Deadline for drops is the Wednesday prior to the tournament at noon. Any drops reported after the deadline will result in a first-round bye and no district alternates will be added.

Scoring

- 1. All matches shall use regular scoring. Matches will be the best two out of three 6-game sets. If a set score reaches 6-6, a 12 pt. tie breaker will be played.
- 2. Points for team scoring shall be awarded as follows:
 - a. Two (2) team points shall be scored for each match won in the championship bracket except for the final first-place match. 5A/4A: If a bye is received in the first round, the points will be awarded only if the player(s) win the next match. 3A: If a bye is received in the first round, the points will be automatically awarded.
 - b. One (1) team point shall be scored for each match won in the consolation bracket except for the final third place match. 5A/4A: If a bye is received in the first consolation round, the point will be awarded only if the player(s) win the next match. 3A: If a bye is received in the first consolation round, the point will be automatically awarded.
 - c. Point(s) shall be scored for each match won by default, disqualification, or forfeit throughout the tournament.
 - d. The winner of each championship semifinal shall be awarded ten place points and the winner of each championship final shall be awarded four additional points. The winner of each consolation semifinal shall receive four place points and the winner of third place shall receive three additional points.
- 3. Ties in team scores shall be broken by the most number of entries that play in the championship finals. If still tied, the number of entries that play in the consolation finals will be used.
- 4. Separate Boys and Girls Championships will be given. Points for mixed doubles will be split.

Summary of Scoring

Advancement Points

Championship Bracket	2 points
Consolation Bracket	1 point

Placement Points

1 st Place - 14 points	3 rd Place - 7 points
2 nd Place - 10 points	4 th Place - 4 points