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Included within this memo are reminders regarding OSAA policies, NFHS and USTA rules specific to tennis that each coaching staff should review as we begin a new season.

OSAA Tennis Plan Book

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/planbooks/tnplan.pdf>

The 2025-26 OSAA Tennis Plan Book is available on the OSAA website. This plan book contains information regarding important season dates, rules information, and OSAA policies.

2025-26 State Rules Interpreter

Kurt Lindner will continue to be the OSAA State Rules Interpreter (SRI) for Tennis. The SRI will assist and advise the OSAA, including USTA rules interpretations. Coaches may also contact and request interpretations from the SRI by emailing them at tennis.sri@osaa.org.

2025-26 Minimum Practice Requirement

For the 2025-26 sports seasons, there is a minimum requirement of 5 practices that a student must participate in before they can compete against another school. If an athlete participated with a Winter sport, then the student would not need to meet the minimum practice requirement before competing during Spring sports.

OSAA ADOPTED TENNIS RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

The 2026 USTA Official Rules of Tennis will be used with the following clarifications:

1. USTA Rules will govern play. All rules, such as foot faults, will be enforced.
2. A contestant may enter in one event, i.e., either Singles or Doubles.
3. It is recommended that players from the same school be dressed similarly. If any wording, other than the school name, appears on a player's uniform, it shall be no larger than 2-1/4 inches square. Players with inappropriate attire will not be permitted to participate and may be subject to delay of match penalties per USTA rules.

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS - See OSAA Executive Board Policy "PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS" in the OSAA Handbook, revised September 2025.

- A. **Team.** A school team shall not compete in more than 16 playing dates at each level of competition, exclusive of the varsity district tournament and state championships. **A maximum of eight playing dates (of the allowable 16) may be multiple matches in the form of double duals or tournaments.** Any time a student participates representing their school, it shall count toward the school's team limitation. Teams with limited players (no more than two) may fill open slots in a match between two other schools' teams. The match shall count as only one playing date for all teams concerned.
- B. **Individual Singles / Doubles.**
 - 1) A student shall not compete in more than 16 playing dates, exclusive of the varsity district tournament and state championships.
 - 2) A maximum of eight playing dates (**of the allowable 16**) may be multiple matches in the form of double duals or tournaments.
- C. **Dual Match.** *The individual match limitations per day apply to a double dual, or a tournament format In a dual match format where one team plays another, students may play singles or doubles and may play only one varsity match per day.*
- D. **Double Dual Match.** *In a double dual match format which involves three teams competing in a dual format against each other on the same day, a student may compete in both singles and doubles, but not against the same school.*
- E. **Tournaments.**
 - 1) A one-day tournament shall count as one playing date for the team. A two-day tournament shall count as two playing dates for the team.
 - 2) **In the state championships tournament format, a student may play either singles or doubles, but not both in the same state championships tournament.**

- 3) *In a tournament format when all matches are best of 3 tiebreak sets students shall not compete per day in more than:*
 - a) *2 singles matches or*
 - b) *3 doubles matches or*
 - c) *Any combination of the two listed in USTA Friend at Court Table 8 (Scheduling guidelines for Junior Divisions: Maximum number of matches per day)*
- 4) *In a tournament format when all matches are played with a 10-point tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set, short sets, or 8-game pro sets, students shall not compete per day in more than:*
 - a) *3 singles matches or*
 - b) *4 doubles matches or*
 - c) *Any combination of the two listed in USTA Friend at Court Table 8 (Scheduling guidelines for Junior Divisions; Maximum number of matches per day)*

F. **Rest**

- 1) *All players shall be offered at least:*
 - a) *60 minutes of rest between singles matches*
 - b) *30 minutes of rest between doubles matches, or when short sets or 8-game pro sets are used for singles or double matches.*
 - c) *All players shall be offered at least 12 hours of rest between the completion of their last match of any day and the start of play of their first match of the following day.*
 - d) *No match may start nor should a suspended match resume after 10pm.*

REPORTING SCHEDULES, ROSTERS AND RESULTS (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies)

(Revised Summer 2020)

A. **Schedules.**

- 3) **Tennis.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to input varsity team schedules into the assigned Tennis Reporting System (<http://www.tennisreporting.com>) team profile prior to the first contest date. Subsequent changes to the schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.

C. **Results.**

- 3) **Tennis.** Member schools shall verify after all Varsity dual meets and Varsity tournaments (individual and dual meet formats) that complete results are entered into the school's assigned Tennis Reporting System (<http://www.tennisreporting.com>) team profile and have been accepted. The host school has the responsibility for inputting results for all participating teams within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to input the results.

- D. **Consequences of Failure to Report Complete Schedules or Rosters.** Failure to report a complete schedule or a varsity team sport roster shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

- E. **Consequences of Failure to Report Results.** Failure to report results shall cause the following progressive sanction(s) process for each individual incident and in the time stated. Failure to report results by the 3rd Level shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

3) **Team Sports:**

- a) 1st Level – Reminder Email (1st day after scheduled contest)
- b) 2nd Level – Warning Email (2nd day after scheduled contest)
- c) 3rd Level – Probation Email (3rd day after scheduled contest)

3) **Wrestling, Tennis, and Golf:**

- a) 1st Level – Reminder Email (5th day after scheduled contest)
- b) 2nd Level – Warning Email (6th day after scheduled contest)
- c) 3rd Level – Probation Email (7th day after scheduled contest)

If you have not registered for TennisReporting yet, please do so. This is mandatory and there is no cost to register as a coach for an OSAA High School.

How to register for Tennis Reporting: Each school is allotted one active coach per girls team and boys team. (If you coach both boys and girls, then you will need to complete the registration process twice as you will need to register a girls team and a boys team). **Do not register for a Co-ed team.** The state of Oregon does not have co-ed tennis.

- 1-Go to TennisReporting.com
- 2-Register ***if you are a new coach please fill out this form and TennisReporting will get you added to the site***. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1J4A2qYPfKJP0ITmqbnSjd-uLIAz03F1Wf1BEpcgFi6E/edit>
- 3-Fill out form completely (Division is 5A or 4A etc)
- 4-Use the discount code "tnsreporting8" when prompted to pay and click Apply Code! This will give you FREE access to the site!
- *After Registering you will be able to click on the Player Icon at the top of the page and choose User Preferences and you can update your Media Contacts (Newspaper, AD, conference commissioner, etc) which will allow for easy match result submissions to be emailed to your contacts.

ROSTERS/MANAGE ROSTER-This is the area where you will add your players for your team (you can add as many as you know now and keep adding throughout your tryout process). You will want to make sure you put in their First/Last Name/Grade/Gender as these are the only required fields. All additional fields are optional.

We can quickly help you answer any questions you may have, but no questions regarding TennisReporting should be directed to the OSAA.
TennisReporting@gmail.com

Health and Safety Information

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/planbooks/tnplan.pdf>

The OSAA website contains a variety of information regarding heat and hydration, lightning safety, and concussion management. This page contains links to informational items that all coaches should familiarize themselves with as practices begin.

We will continue to provide updated information on our OSAA website for both boys tennis at <http://www.osaa.org/activities/btn> and girls tennis at <http://www.osaa.org/activities/gtn>. Best of luck this season! I look forward to seeing you all on the courts!

Sincerely,
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