

4A Girls' First Round of State Tournament Information 2023-24

Host Site Tournament Director: Natalie Meyer & Dow Christenson

When: Thursday, September 28, 2023 for all varsity positions ranked #9 - 24

Where: Brighton High School Tennis Courts (about 2400 East and Bengal Blvd.)

Parking: Park in the lot by the tennis courts or one of the church parking lots.

Time:

7:45am – Courts open for warm-up

8:30am – Coaches meeting

8:45am – Gather players & General Meeting

9:00am – Matches begin

Provided:

- Referees – 2
- Trainer will be at the courts around 8:30am and will stay throughout the day.
- Garbage cans and liners – please help keep the courts and fields clean
- Our ice machines are working and we have running water but please bring your own so we can use this for emergencies. Water jugs for refills will be on the courts. Please tell players to bring their water jugs full and use the large jugs for refill.
- Draw sheets will be posted and updated outside the tennis facility on the fence. Please direct everyone to use those charts and keep them away from the tournament desk table.
- Only current match players and credentialed coaches are allowed on the courts. All tennis court entryways should be kept clear. That includes the space between courts 1 and 3 and the center part of Courts #1 - 4.

Scoring:

- Matches will play best 2 of 3 sets, regular scoring, tie-breakers played at 6-6. Tiebreakers are 1st to 7 points to win by 2.
- State draws are single elimination.
- First round of state wins count towards scoring for state.
- Winners of the first round of state matches advance to the round of 16 portion of the State Tournament held at Liberty Park on Friday, September 29, 2023.
- Semi-finals & Finals will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Liberty Park.

Timing & Coaching:

- No coaching during or after the warm-up or after the 1st game of each set.
- Coaches allowed to coach on changeovers starting the 3rd game of each set, between 1st and 2nd set, and between 2nd and 3rd set.
- 90 Seconds for changeovers.
- 2 minutes between 1st and 2nd set.
- 10 minutes between 2nd and 3rd set.

Medical timeouts: One can be taken in the warm-up and one during the match. Multiple treatments can happen during the medical timeout but must be done within a 15 minute total time frame.

We will also ask the referees about this situation. They may have different rules.

Request for Referees on court: Only players or coaches may ask for a referee to go on the court. Referees will make clear what the expectation of their role will be.

Tournament play:

- Players and coaches need to be at the General Meeting at 8:45am at the Brighton Tennis courts. Matches will start at 9:00am. Lateness for match start time will be assessed by umpires and will follow USTA rules.
- State draw is a single elimination tournament, 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring, with tiebreakers held at 6-6 (1st to 7 points to win by 2).
- We will start with 1st singles in order through the draws.
- 2 referees have been requested for the tournament.
- Will have an on-deck like the state rounds at Liberty Park.
- Please use and refer parents and players to check draw information on the posters hanging on the fence instead of at the tournament desk.
- Tournament desk is for players checking in and reporting scores.
- Referees on a court need to be requested by a coach if players are having issues. (no parents)
- Remind your players about foot faults, making clear calls, and calling scores.
- Please keep fans off the courts and out of the chute areas that lead to the courts.
- New balls will be provided for each match and for 3rd sets. Please have players bring all balls back to the tournament desk when they report their scores.
- Remind players after a match is through to report their scores immediately to the tournament desk.
- Coaching is only permitted by certified coaches with a current UHSAA badge, one at a time on a court, and only on odd games (not the 1st game), after the first set, and between 2nd & 3rd sets.
- When a match is finished, please report the score quickly. Players are finished after their score has been reported to the tournament desk.

Other information:

- Please share courts for warm-ups. Baskets of balls provided for warm-up.
- Please tell players to bring their own water and water jugs.
- Balls are provided & a trainer will be located at the courts
- Please keep the tennis facility clean.
- Bathrooms available on-site on the east side of the concession stand bldg.

Sportsmanship: All Coaches, players, teams, parents, and fans should follow the UHSAA tennis rules of etiquette. Anyone with continuing violations of the rule, may be ejected from the tennis facility.

Tennis Etiquette

PARENTS, SPECTATORS and FANS

- Take your best manners courtside & silence your cell phones.
- Players are accustomed to having it **QUIET DURING PLAY!**
- Unnecessary noise and distractions are considered poor etiquette.
- Wait until the point is over to cheer/clap for your player/team.
- Cheer/clap to show appreciation for good shots and long rallies.
- It is poor etiquette to applaud an unforced error (i.e., double faults)
- Do not shout instructions to the players (i.e., "It's out!").
- Only coaches are allowed to coach (wearing UHSAA badge).
- No coaching or communicating with players during a match.
- Treat officials with respect even in controversial situations.
- Abusive behavior toward any individual will not be tolerated.
- Provide your support and school spirit the right way!



**Our high school players deserve the COURTESY and RESPECT
they are accustomed to under the rules of tennis etiquette.**