

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 2017

TO: Athletic Director and Head Tennis Coach

FROM: Corey Sobers, Assistant Director of Athletics

RE: FHSAA Regional Tennis Match (Girls and/or Boys)

Congratulations on advancing to the regional semifinal tennis match. The following items are submitted for your information and guidance relative to the Regional Tennis Match that your school will be participating in. Please contact your opponent to discuss directions, confirm the match time and answer any other questions. Regional match pairings are available on our web site at (<http://www.fhsaa.org/sports/tennis>).

- **Reporting Results:** The Host school for the match is responsible for completing the necessary results forms. The results forms are located on the FHSAA tennis web site under the forms section (TN7-Girls) and (TN8-Boys). Your cooperation in submitting results is critical to making arrangements for the following round.
- **Line-up Changes:** No changes should be made to the lineup that was submitted on the state entry list prior to the district tournament unless there is an injury, sickness, or absence. In case of injury, sickness, or absence, all players must move up. If a player is replaced due to injury, sickness, or absence, that player will be permitted to return to the line-up if the team advances to the next round of the State Series. **Your state entry list is what the head coaches should exchange and they serve as the lineups for the match.**
- **Start Times:** All matches for the regional semifinals and regional finals are scheduled for 3 p.m. local time. If there is a conflict and both schools agree to a different time, please notify me at tennis@fhsaa.org so I am aware and can make sure there are no issues with the re-scheduled time.
- **Match Format:** All singles and doubles matches are to be determined by the best two-of-three sets with a 10 point tiebreak instead of the third set. **This is the ONLY allowable format.**
- **Playing Surface:** Hard courts or clay courts may be used to host a region match. The visiting school must be notified which playing surface will be used in advance.
- **Individual State Qualifiers:** Individual state qualifiers are the #1 singles and #1 doubles winners of the district tournament. These players advance from the district tournament straight to the state tournament. The team regional match has **NO** bearing on the individual qualifiers for the state individual tournament. If a player is involved in the **team tournament** at the championships, they are not eligible to compete in the individual competition at the championships.
- **Contact Information:** If any questions come up before, during, or after the match please do not hesitate to contact me in the office (352-372-9551 ext. 350), on my cell (352-577-5835), or via email (tennis@fhsaa.org).

Dear Coaches and AD's,

This year, the Boys and Girls State Tennis Championships will once again be listed on "TennisLink". "TennisLink" is utilized by the USTA for player registration, tournament management and live result updates.

We need your help!!!

Players on your rosters who are current USTA Members will be entered by their USTA numbers.

Players who aren't USTA members will need to create an account. Once their account is set up, they will be provided a number which will be used for their registration. It is important that you and/or they write down that number so they can use it throughout their high school years. Also, this is provided at no cost to them.

You, as their coach, can go to [USTA Non-member registration](#) to begin this process. Each account can be set up in less than 5 minutes.

Your assistance with this will make the tournament entry process easier for our State Tournament staff.

Thank you for your help and continued good luck with the rest of your season!

Thad Hawkes

USTA Florida

High School Coordinator

hawkes@ustaflorida.com