

Sweet 16 Team State Championship

The ultimate objective is to hold a Team State Championship either the weekend before or on a weekend following the KHSAA Singles and Doubles Championship. This will bring the Region Team Champion of each of the 16 KHSAA Regions.

We would play two rounds on Saturday and the semi-finals and finals would be played on Sunday. In addition, we would have a back draw for all the first round losers. This format would still limit all teams to just two matches per day.

Play will begin at 8:00 am (most likely at multiple sites). The team match format will be 3 singles and 2 doubles, 2 out of 3 sets with a 10-point super-tiebreaker for the third set or whatever is in place for the KHSAA Singles and Doubles.

Regional-Sectional-State Final Four

Regional

If KYHSTCA host/sponsor the State Team Championship, at least one Coach per school (any Coach) must be a member of KYHSTCA for the Boy's and Girl's Teams to participate.

Teams must have 5 courts to host a regional tournament match.

A Team must have a minimum of 3 players to compete in the State Team championship. The Team match format will be 3 of 5 matches, the 5 matches will consist of 3 singles and 2 doubles. Two (2) out of 3 sets with a 10-point super tie-breaker, or whatever format used by KHSAA in their Singles and Doubles State Championships.

Each Region is to have a minimum of two seeds, otherwise one for every four entries. As per USTA. For seeds 3 and 4, they will be randomly placed by a flip of a coin as to which half of the draw they will be placed.

Region Team Championship Play will be held from Thursday April 26 through Wednesday May 3, 2018, each region can determine the specific dates they will play the matches. Any changes to these dates must be approved by the Sectional Tournament Manager.

The KHSAA Regional Tournament Manager will also be the Regional Team Tournament Manager.

The Regional Team seeding and draw meeting must be held by April 23, 2018. The team's strength of roster (list by singles strength) must be turned in 24 hours in advance of the team seeding and draw meeting. These shall be distributed to all coaches for review and approved by the coaches at the seeding and draw meeting. If the roster is

contested, coaches should try to resolve the issue, if not then the Regional Manager shall make the final decision if the coaches cannot come to an agreement. If the Regional manager team is involved and the issue cannot be resolved amongst the coaches' present, the Sectional Manager will make the final decision. The Regional manager will forward the strength of roster of the winning team to the Sectional Manager upon completion of the Regional Tournament.

Team Line-ups

The strength of roster is based on the player's singles strength. A Team can have an unlimited number of players listed to play on their strength of roster (as long as they are eligible under KHSAA By-Laws). In Doubles, to determine who plays #1 or #2 doubles, you find each of the player's single's strength listing, then you add the two doubles partner singles strength together, the double's team with the lowest number shall play #1 Doubles and the other shall play at #2 Doubles. In case of a tie for both Double's teams, then they can be placed at either position.

Sectional

The Sectionals will be played starting on Saturday, May12 2017 and must be completed no later than Tuesday, May 15 2017.

Section 1 is Regions 1 – 4, Section 2 is Regions 5 – 8, Section 3 is Regions 9 – 12 and Section 4 is Regions 13 – 16. The Sectional Tournament shall be held at four sites and the hosting Region shall be rotated among each of the 4 regions over the next 4 years (as KHSAA has done in the past).

Four KYHSTCA Board members will serve as the Tournament Manager for each of the 4 Sectional Tournaments.

State Championship (4 Teams)

The Final 4 will be played on Sunday, May 20 (preferably at UK Boone Downing Tennis Complex) after the KHSAA Singles and Doubles Championships.

The first semi-final matches (for example Boy's) will be scheduled for 10:00 AM and the second seni-final match will be scheduled for 11:15 am. Both the Boys and Girls semi-finals will be played at the same time (10 courts).

The finals are to begin at 12:00 pm and the other finals scheduled for 1:00 pm. Boys and Girls will rotate each year as to who plays first.

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Important Dates for the KYHSTCA State Team Championships

- Team Entry Deadline – Must be **RECEIVED** (not postmark) by the KYHSTCA Treasurer no later than April 16, 2018.
- 24 Hours prior to the Region Seeding and Draw Meeting each coach must submit their Strength of Lineup to all the coaches in the region and the Region Team Tournament Manager. Coaches shall bring all their platers match results to the Region Seeding and Draw Meeting to support their Strength of Lineup.
- No Later Than Monday April 23, 2018 – Each Region must conduct its seeding and the Draw for the Region Team Tournament.
- Region Team Matches can begin play starting Thursday April 26, 2018 and the Region Champions must be determined no later than Wednesday May 3, 2018.
- May 4, 2018 – May 12, 2018 – KHSAA Region Tournament
- The Sectional matches can begin play starting Saturday May 12, 2018 and must be completed no later than Tuesday May 15, 2018 (this provides flexibility for Prom and other end of school year activities and testing).
- The State Team Championship Semi-finals and Finals will be played on Sunday May 20, 2018 following the KHSAA State Singles and Doubles Championship.

THE KENTUCKY TENNIS COACHES' ASSOCIATION PROPOSED TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

As of September 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Matches played in the Team Tournament DO NOT COUNT toward the 22 match limitation.
2. To enter the tournament, a coach must be a current member of the KYHSTCA and the Team entry form must be in the possession of the KYHSTCA Treasurer prior to the tournament draw.

TELEPHONE AND/OR E-MAIL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Checks without entry forms or entry forms without checks will not be accepted.

The final decision regarding the validity of team tournament entries will be made by the KYHSTCA Treasurer.

3. The Draw for the Region is made by the Region Coaches. The draw for the Sectional and State tournaments is made by members of the KYHSTCA Board at the offices of the KHSAA Offices in Lexington and is open to the public.

A copy of the draw for the Sectional and State Tournaments, a list of the teams entered, and a complete list of rules will be posted on KYHSTCA website at www.kyhstca.org.

GENERAL GUIDLINES:

1. The KYHSTCA Board will determine the tournament entry deadline, completion dates for the Region and Sectional rounds, and the date and times for the State Semifinals and Finals. Every effort must be made to adhere to the scheduled dates set forth by the KYHSTCA Board. TEAMS NOT ADHERING TO DEADLINES MAY BE DEFAULTED.
2. Regions will be consistent with that of the KHSAA 16 Regions. All Region draws will be conducted by the coaches for that region. The home team for each round will be designated on the draw sheet.

3. All KHSAA rules (and applicable USTA rules) are to be followed. Including the KHSAA "Code of Conduct" and "Uniform Rule" will be enforced.
4. KYHSTCA Team Tournament matches should take precedence over previously scheduled regular season matches, but not over the KHSAA Region and State Championship tournament.
5. ALL MATCHES ARE TO BE PLAYED. If two teams scheduled to play each other in the tournament already have a scheduled match, and that match falls within the completion dates of that round of the tournament, this regular season match may also count as the tournament match. **In these cases, both coaches must agree in advance to count the match.**
6. Semi-final and final matches MUST be played in scheduled order.

THE KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COACHES ASSOCIATION TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. All matches will consist of three singles and two doubles matches. Matches will be Ad scoring, 2 of 3 sets using the 12-point tie-breaker at 6 all, except for the 3rd set will be a 10-Point Super tie-breaker in lieu of a full 3rd set.. There is a two-minute set break after each set. There is no break after the first game of each set. Coaching may take place at this time, provide that play is continuous.
2. Coaches must be able to defend their line-ups. Coaches should bring season records to each tournament match. Singles players must play in rank order. The better doubles team must play first doubles. See KYHSTCA Team Line-up Rules for additional information.
3. The home team will supply the tennis balls.
4. The home team coach will be responsible for ensuring a fair match, controlling spectators and providing the best possible court conditions. In case of inclement weather, it is the responsibility of the home coach to contact the visiting coach and to reschedule the match.
5. The home team must have a minimum of 5 courts. All 3 singles and the 2 doubles matches must be started at the same time. If the home team does not have 5 courts, then a neutral site agreeable to both coaches must be chosen.

6. All matches are to be played on a hard court surface. If the courts of the home team are not a hard court surface, a neutral site agreeable to both coaches must be chosen.
7. Coaching is permitted on the change of ends, but continuity of play cannot be hindered. If conditions are not conducive to coaching, no coaching will be permitted.
8. If there is a dispute, the two coaches involved should try to resolve it.

In the event that the coaches are unable to resolve it, the decision of the KYHSTCA Tournament Referee or his Assistant Referee at the site will be final. If the dispute involves the KYHSTCA Tournament Referee or the decision could ultimately affect his/her team, he/she must disqualify himself/herself from the decision. The decision will then be made by the Deputy KYHSTCA Tournament Referee. If the dispute involves the Deputy KYHSTCA Tournament Director or the decision could ultimately affect his/her team, he/she must disqualify himself/herself from the decision. Then the decision will be made by the KYHSTCA Tournament Director and two other members of the KYHSTCA Tournament Committee.

9. The coach of the winning team must report the scores to the KYHSTCA Tournament Director on the night of the match and then contact the next round opponent to schedule the next match.

STATE SEMI-FINAL, FINAL, AND CONSOLATION MATCH REGULATIONS

1. The KYHSTCA Team Tournament State semi-finals, finals and consolation match (weather permitting) will be held in Lexington on the Sunday following the KHSAA State Tournament.
2. All efforts will be made to play at the Hillary J Boone Tennis Center at the University of Kentucky. If conditions do not permit, play will be held at the site/sites determined by the KYHSTCA State Tournament Director. Their decision will be final.
3. Every participant, his/her parents/guardian, and every coach may be required to sign a liability waiver supplied by the University of Kentucky if the tournament is held at the Hillary J Boone Tennis Center or a waiver provided by any other facility that we may use or the KYHSTCA insurance carrier if the tournament is played elsewhere.

4. Each competing school must provide a list of coaches approved by its school board. This list must be certified by the principal of the school and must be sent with the School's entry form.

5. Each competing school must provide a list of KHSAA eligible players ranked in order of singles ability with the School's entry form. These Players are the only players eligible to participate in the KYHSTCA Team Championship Tournament (Region, Sectional and State Tournaments).