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TENNIS
State Qualifier's
Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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Congratulations on your team’s advancement to the state tournament. This handbook will serve as a guide to administrators and coaches to assist in providing greater consistency at the Team Tennis State Tournament. You will find this material valuable as you prepare for the tournament and arrive at the tournament.

Questions concerning the UIL Team Tennis State Tournament should be addressed to the following staff members:

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COVID-19 Protocols

Face Coverings. Annemarie, Blossom and Northside Tennis Center requires masks to be worn if not actively involved in contests. The also require spectators to be socially responsible.

USTA Tennis Considerations

- Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times. Avoid touching court gates, fences, benches and wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available
- Clean and wipe down your own equipment and do not share equipment including racquets, hats, towels etc.
- Bring your own balls, water bottles to avoid sharing of equipment
- When not playing, please adhere to all TEA rules and guidelines

During Play

- Try to maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing. Do not make physical contact (no shaking hands or high fives)
- Keep distance from other players while taking a break
- Avoid touching other balls from other courts that enters your court of play (use racquet or foot to send back)

PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Pairings. The UIL staff will conduct a drawing to determine the pairings. A #1 region winner will play a #2 region runner-up in the first round. Seeding will not be used; therefore, seeding information is not needed or required. The draw will be random and regional representatives placed in opposite halves of the bracket.

Schedule. The tournament will be held May 20-21, 2021. A schedule is provided on the UIL website and in this packet. Please note, all times are subject to change based on weather or delays. If the original schedule is altered because of inclement weather, the tournament director will notify participants of possible scenarios.

Packets. State qualifier packets may be picked up at the Blossom Tennis Center Courts beginning on Wednesday, May 19th from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Court Assignments. Court assignments will be made at each site. When announced, please report to the tournament desk for court assignments. Times are subject to change based on delays or inclement weather.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

State Venue Locations.

Thursday, May 20

1A-2A Blossom Tennis Center, 12002 Jones Maltsberger Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216

3A-4A Annemarie Tennis Center, 7001 Culebra Rd, San Antonio, TX 78238

5A-6A Northside Tennis Center, 12045 Leslie Rd, Helotes, TX 78023

Friday, May 21

1A-3A Blossom Tennis Center, 12002 Jones Maltsberger Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216

4A-6A Northside Tennis Center, 12045 Leslie Rd, Helotes, TX 78023

Housing. Teams will be responsible for their own accommodations.

Parking. Parking will be available free of-charge at all locations.

Spectator Information. Fan information can be found online at <http://www.uiltexas.org/tennis/state/tennis-state-tournament-spectator-information> under the state tournament page.

Programs. For the 2020-21 school year, all programs for our state events will be digital and can be found on the State Tournament page of the UIL website.

Tickets. You will be provided a tattoo for each state qualifier, as well as **TWO** coach's wristbands. An additional wristband may be available by request to the tournament director, on a case by case basis.

<u>Ticket Prices:</u>	1 Day Pass	\$20.00 a day
	2 Day Tournament Pass	\$35.00

Supervision of Students. Each school is responsible for their students and behavior exhibited during all contests.

Tennis Etiquette. Applauding a good play is always in order. Applauding an error is never in order. If any person who takes it upon oneself to berate the officials or make oneself conspicuous by bad behavior, the team should be requested to leave the court area. Coaches are responsible for educating their students and parents about appropriate behavior. Players should shake the hand of their opponent before and after games.

Pre-Tournament Workouts. Due to concerns with loss of school time, no workouts on playing courts will be scheduled prior to the tournament.

Warm-ups. Please check the UIL Tennis State Tournament page for warm-up times. The players will have at least a 10-minute warm-up prior to the start of the match. The players must take all practice serves during this time.

Balls. UIL will furnish Pro Penn Marathon balls for all matches at the state tournament.

Inclement Weather Schedule. Report to the courts regardless of the weather. Matches will begin as soon as the courts are playable.

Athletic Trainers. An athletic training room and two athletic trainers will be available at the tennis facility. EMTs will also be on staff in case of emergency.

GAME INFORMATION

Substitutions. Before the tournament begins, the qualifying school may make a substitution in doubles or mixed doubles, but not in singles. If at all possible, email Joseph Garmon (jgarmon@uiltexas.org) prior to the Friday before the tournament regarding changes in doubles teams or mixed doubles. Other doubles or mixed doubles substitutes may be permitted before beginning the tournament by notifying the site director.

- **Reminder:** Substitution may be made for illness, injury or academic ineligibility or if a student is penalized by the school for misconduct or violation of the code of conduct.

Conduct. According to the Athletic Plan, unsportsmanlike conduct rules will be enforced during the State Tennis Championships. Be sure to inform your students that acts such as abuse of racket, balls, or equipment, verbal or physical abuse of a player or official, or displaying any action which brings discredit to the individual or his/her school will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Any player displaying such conduct may be disqualified from further participation in the tournament. **In the event such acts occur following the match, the medal will go to the next place finisher in that match.**

The referee or court monitors may award point penalties for stalling, tardiness, and unsportsmanlike conduct. The court monitors or referee shall be the judge of any suspension, delay, or interference; and they may, in their discretion, penalize an offending player by awarding the opponent point(s) per offense or disqualify the offender. This does not rule out a competitor's liability to be disqualified for a single flagrant unsportsmanlike act.

The point penalty system will be as follows:

- 1st Offense: Point
 - 2nd Offense: Game Default
 - 3rd Offense: Default from Match/Tournament
- *Penalty points are cumulative throughout the tournament.

Penalties for tardiness will be as follows:

Before the Match Begins

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| 5 minutes or less | Loss of toss plus 1 game |
| More than 5 minutes, but not more than 10 minutes | Loss of toss plus 2 games |
| More than 10 minutes, but not more than 15 minutes | Loss of toss plus 3 games |
| More than 15 minutes | Default |

After Intermission

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| 5 minutes or less | One game |
| More than 5 minutes | Default |

Coaching.

- According to USTA rules, a player is allowed 25 seconds between points. A coach may provide feedback during 25-second time but cannot interrupt the continuous play rule. Coaching is NOT permitted in or on the confines of the tennis court. (Exception: during the 90 second changeover)
- A coach may coach his/her players during the 90 second changeover at the end of odd games, and during the 10-minute rest period for split set matches.
- Only the school tennis coach employed by that school may coach and only in a manner which does not interfere with the play on adjoining courts.

Tiebreakers. The 12-Point Tiebreak Scoring System will operate when the score reaches six games all in each set.

Singles:

- a. A player who first wins seven points shall win the game and the set provided he leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreaker.
- b. The player who served the first game of the set shall be the server for the first point, which is delivered from the right court. The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points (delivered from the left court, then the right court), and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (left court, then right court) until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
- c. Players shall change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tiebreaker. Note that after any

- change of ends the server will be serving his/her second serving point.
- d. The player who served first in the set that ended in a tiebreaker shall receive service in the first game of the following set.

Doubles:

- a. In doubles the procedure for singles shall apply. The player who served the first game of the set shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order as previously in that set, until the winners of the game and set have been decided.
- b. Players change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tiebreaker. The team that served first in the set that ended in a tiebreaker shall receive service in the first game of the following set.

Awards. Awards shall be distributed at the tennis tournament after all semi-final and finals matches, once the athletes report to the tournament desk. Site directors will present the awards.

State Meet Certificates. Certificates included in your packets shall be given to each participant.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

Videotaping. If your school desires to film or videotape your state tournament matches, contact UIL staff before setting up equipment. Only teams playing will be able to film their own match.

Radio Broadcasting and Telecasting. The broadcasting and telecasting rights must be arranged with UIL staff the week before the state tournament.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Blossom Tennis Center

1A/2A

MAY 20-21, 2021

THURSDAY, MAY 20 (1A-2A)

Day 1 of 2

<u>8:00</u>	1A Boys Doubles – 4 1A Boys Singles – 4 1A Girls Doubles – 4 1A Girls Singles – 4
<u>9:15</u>	1A Mixed Doubles – 4 2A Boys Doubles – 4 2A Boys Singles – 4
<u>10:30</u>	2A Girls Doubles – 4 2A Girls Singles – 4 2A Mixed Doubles – 4
<u>2:00</u>	1A Boys Doubles – 2 1A Boys Singles – 2 1A Girls Doubles – 2 1A Girls Singles – 2 1A Mixed Doubles – 2
<u>3:15</u>	2A Boys Doubles – 2 2A Boys Singles – 2 2A Girls Doubles – 2 2A Girls Singles – 2 2A Mixed Doubles – 2

FRIDAY, MAY 21 (1A-3A)

Day 2 of 2

<u>8:30</u>	1A Boys Doubles – 1 1A Boys Singles – 1 1A Girls Doubles – 1 1A Girls Singles – 1 1A Mixed Doubles – 1 2A Boys Doubles – 1 2A Boys Singles – 1 2A Girls Doubles – 1 2A Girls Singles – 1 2A Mixed Doubles – 1
<u>10:00</u>	3A Boys Doubles – 1 3A Boys Singles – 1 3A Girls Doubles – 1 3A Girls Singles – 1 3A Mixed Doubles

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Annemarie Tennis Center

3A/4A

MAY 20, 2021

THURSDAY, MAY 20 (3A-4A)

Day 1 of 2

<u>8:00</u>	3A Boys Doubles – 4 3A Boys Singles – 4 3A Girls Doubles – 4 3A Girls Singles – 4
<u>9:15</u>	3A Mixed Doubles – 4 4A Boys Doubles – 4 4A Boys Singles – 4
<u>10:30</u>	4A Girls Doubles – 4 4A Girls Singles – 4 4A Mixed Doubles – 4
<u>2:00</u>	3A Boys Doubles – 2 3A Boys Singles – 2 3A Girls Doubles – 2 3A Girls Singles – 2 3A Mixed Doubles – 2
<u>3:15</u>	4A Boys Doubles – 2 4A Boys Singles – 2 4A Girls Doubles – 2 4A Girls Singles – 2 4A Mixed Doubles – 2

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Northside Tennis Center

5A/6A

MAY 20-21, 2021

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Day 1 of 2

<u>8:00</u>	5A Boys Doubles – 4 5A Boys Singles – 4 5A Girls Doubles – 4 5A Girls Singles – 4
<u>9:15</u>	5A Mixed Doubles – 4 6A Boys Doubles – 4 6A Boys Singles – 4 6A Girls Doubles – 4 6A Girls Singles – 4 6A Mixed Doubles – 4
<u>10:30</u>	5A Boys Doubles – 2 5A Boys Singles – 2 5A Girls Doubles – 2 5A Girls Singles – 2 5A Mixed Doubles – 2
<u>2:00</u>	6A Boys Doubles – 2 6A Boys Singles – 2 6A Girls Doubles – 2 6A Girls Singles – 2 6A Mixed Doubles – 2
<u>3:15</u>	6A Boys Doubles – 1 6A Boys Singles – 1 6A Girls Doubles – 1 6A Girls Singles – 1 6A Mixed Doubles – 1

FRIDAY, MAY 21 (4A-6A)

Day 2 of 2

<u>8:30</u>	4A Boys Doubles – 1 4A Boys Singles – 1 4A Girls Doubles – 1 4A Girls Singles – 1 4A Mixed Doubles – 1 5A Boys Doubles – 1 5A Boys Singles – 1 5A Girls Doubles – 1 5A Girls Singles – 1 5A Mixed Doubles – 1
<u>10:00</u>	6A Boys Doubles – 1 6A Boys Singles – 1 6A Girls Doubles – 1 6A Girls Singles – 1 6A Mixed Doubles

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