



# 2017 AIA State Individual Tennis

## ADMINISTRATOR/COACH TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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## 2017 AIA State Individual Tournament Format

Three AIA Divisional State Individual Tennis Tournaments will be held, in accordance with the AIA Executive Board adopted State Tournament Reconfiguration.

- Each school that participates in AIA competitive tennis as a full member school has been placed in an AIA Executive Board approved division for the AIA Divisional State Individual Tennis Tournament.
- Each participating school's head coach is allowed to enter one singles player for their division's AIA Divisional State Individual Tennis Tournament.
- Each participating school's head coach is allowed to enter one doubles teams for their division's AIA Divisional State Individual Tennis Tournament.
- The AIA State Individual Tournament is a varsity competition tournament representing the best single and doubles team that the member school has.
- The entries that a coach submits are expected to compete until they are eliminated through play. Failure of a singles player or doubles team to compete as scheduled, except in an emergency or injury situation, may be considered a school violation of AIA bylaw; article 11.4.2.
- Member schools are not required to enter players in the tournament.
- Each singles/doubles tournament bracket, both boy and girl, will be a 64 slot bracket.
- Each singles/doubles tournament bracket will have eight seeded slots.

### Bracket Byes

- The seeded byes on each bracket will be determined by the number of school teams in a division combined with the final entries on the bracket.
- Head coaches from the top 16 power ranked teams, on the day of the seeding meeting, will be able to select an additional singles player or doubles team, beginning with the #1 seeded team and working down to the #16 seeded team.

### 2017 AIA State Individual Tournament Scoring:

- Singles and Doubles will be regular scoring (best two out of three sets)
- A seven(7) point tiebreaker will be used at six(6) all in singles and doubles.
- Current USTA Rules of Tennis will apply in all matches.
- All forfeitures shall be scored as a match won.

### **2017 AIA State Individual Tournament Entry Process:**

- The AIA Division I, II & III State Individual Tennis Tournament entries are processed through the school login page under Rosters.  
**Entry deadline: 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, April 13, 2017**
- Entry Process: From your athletic director, obtain a password for your sport to get on the school login page (Rosters) under School login on [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) . Once logged in, select rosters, begin listing your Tennis roster (list all team members, this should be done by the first match). No later than 12:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017, from the roster page you must select your state entries of one singles player and one doubles team.

### **Substitutions**

- **No substitutions will be allowed in the singles tournament. The player entered by the coach for the state tournament will be expected to play until the tournament is completed.**
- **A substitution can be made for a member of a doubles team that becomes ill or is injured when reporting at the site on the first day of the individual tournament**
- **The entries that a coach submits are expected to compete until they are eliminated through play. Failure of a singles player or doubles team to compete as scheduled, except in an emergency or injury situation, may be considered a school violation of AIA bylaw; article 11.4.2.**

### **2017 AIA State Individual Tournament Seeding Criteria:**

Varsity head coaches, from the division their players compete in, will seed the eight slots for each singles and doubles tournament bracket based on the AIA Tennis Sport Advisory recommended and AIA Executive Board approved criteria. The following bulleted criteria will be evaluated for seeds to be determined by the coaches:

- **Head to Head Competition**
- **2017 AIA Season Record**
- **USTA Rank**
- **Previous State Tournament Results**
- **Coaches vote determines final seeding**
- **If any of the Top 8 seeds are from the same school, they will be seeded on opposite sides of the bracket.**
- **The draw becomes the draw for non-seeded players. No individuals or doubles teams will be moved once the draw is produced.**

**2017 AIA State Individual Tournament Seeding Meetings:**

- Division seeding meetings are open for any varsity tennis coach of that division to attend and participate in the seeding.
- **Division I** coaches seeding meeting : **Saturday, April 15 @ 9:00 a.m.** in AIA Board Room
- **Division II** coaches seeding meeting : **Saturday, April 15 @ 12:00 noon** in AIA Board Room
- **Division III** coaches seeding meeting : **Monday, April 17 @ 5:30 p.m.** in AIA Board Room

**A Singles Player or Doubles Team To Be Considered For Seeding**

The varsity coach presenting a player or doubles team's seeding credentials needs to provide documentation at the seeding meeting of a match by match record account of that singles player or doubles team's AIA regular season records. **The record account will include the following;**

- Player or players names
- Date of match/ Name of opposition player(s)and team/result
- Team position played in the match ( 1, 2 or 3 in singles, 1 or 2 in doubles)
- If competition occurred in an invitational, omit team position but record competition

**If a varsity coach has a singles player or doubles team that they believe warrants being seeded as one of eight seeds on a bracket, it is imperative that the coach attend the seeding meeting to present their singles player or doubles team credentials for seeding.**

Division seeding meetings are open for any **varsity** tennis coach of that division to participate in the seeding.

**2017 AIA State Individual Tournament Brackets (including dates/locations/check in times):**

The AIA State Individual Tennis Tournament brackets including sites player bracket assignment and match check in times, are available at the following AIA365.com links;

<http://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/tennis-boys>

<http://www.azpreps365.com/brackets/tennis-girls>

**GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Check in Times:**

- All entrants are to report to the tournament table fifteen (15) minutes before listed check-in time. USTA default penalties are in effect.

**Rules:**

- Rules shall be those of the current U.S. Tennis Association Official Rules of Tennis with exceptions noted in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws and these tournament instructions (note: see AIA bylaw exception listed below)
- **ARTICLE 28, TENNIS (A.I.A. Bylaws)**
  - **28.1.1** The rules in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions will apply in all matches.
  - **28.1.1.2 EXCEPTION: The following exceptions to the USTA Code of Conduct Rules shall apply:**
    - First offense is point penalty
    - Second offense is game penalty
    - Third offense is disqualification
    - There is no carry over from one match to another.
  - **28.1.1.3 EXCEPTION; USTA injury rule shall apply:**
    - 5 minutes to get trainer (or coach) to court
    - 2 minutes to diagnose injury or illness
    - 3 minutes to treat
    - 90 seconds on changeover does not count toward the above minutes
    - Lack of conditioning injuries is included in this rule.
- A practice or competition on the site of the AIA State Individual Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven (7) calendar days prior to the Region or State championship, except in the case of the host school
- All serves will be taken during warm-up period. Play is continuous.

**Coaches and Coaching:**

- **Only the school board approved head coach and one assistant coach be allowed to coach during changeovers or between games.** Those coaching periods will be the ninety (90) second change over and during the rest period between the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) sets. The coach shall remain outside the court. Any violation shall result in forfeiture of the contest and elimination of the team or individual from that tournament as recommended by the Tournament Director.
- **Coaches should provide the Site Director with a cell phone number where they can be reached in case one of their players needs attention or the tournament clerk needs to reach you on site.**

### Dressing Facilities

- All bathroom/dressing facilities are open to both teams and the general public.

### Uniforms

- School identifiable issued uniforms must be worn.
- Participants must wear school administrative approved tennis appropriate clothing.

### Rest Intervals

- There will be rest intervals between sets and between matches. The rest interval between matches will be at least one hour per USTA rules. The referee may lengthen the intervals due to weather or other justifiable conditions.
- USTA now specifies that “there shall be” a two minute break at the end of each set (the time is determined from the last ball struck at the end of the set, to the first ball struck to begin the next set).
- There is no rest on the changeover after the first game of any set. All other changeovers players are entitled (as previously) to 90 seconds rest. (Again, the time is determined from the last ball struck at the end of the game, until the first ball struck to begin the next game).

### Awards

Individual Tournament awards will be presented following the completion of the individual singles/double championship and third place match. If a player(s) cannot or does not attend the award ceremony, the awards can be picked up at the tournament site during the award ceremony by the player’s school coach or at the AIA office.

### Inclement weather and Departure from tournament site:

In case of inclement weather, it is the coach’s responsibility to:

- Check with the Site Director to determine tournament schedule.
- Review with the Site Director the site and time of a coaches meeting in which possible changes of schedule for tournament play will be determined.
- Advise all participants that they shall not leave the tournament site prior to clearance from the Site Director.
- If a coach or participant fails to comply and a participant fails to appear for a scheduled match, the participant may be disqualified by the site director and/or the tournament director, and the tournament shall continue.

### Certified Athletic Trainers:

There will be a certified athletic trainer at any AIA State Tennis Tournament site. Trainers are there for emergency situations only. Trainers do not tape or treat injuries.

### Water and Ice:

Water and Gatorade will be provided at the tournament site. The certified athletic trainer will have ice and supplies to treat injuries. Please be sure players clean up any litter before leaving courts.

### Officials:

Individual Tournament: AIA certified tennis officials will be employed for all of matches as "roving umpires" including Saturday's semi-final/finals matches. (Officials indicate that player behavior needs to be addressed and encourage coaches to focus on this aspect with their players)

**Tennis Balls:**

Wilson is providing balls for the tournament. If players split sets, two (2) new balls will be provided for the third set.

**Programs and Souvenirs:**

Kukulski Brothers is the official supplier for AIA Programs and Souvenirs. *Sale or distribution of AIA State Tournament related game programs, t-shirts or any other souvenirs by any individual or company other than the Kukulski Brothers at any AIA State Tournament playoff site or game is prohibited.*

T-shirts, caps, etc. will be available at as many sites as possible.

Parents, spectators and participants want to see their school team picture and names included in the souvenir program. School coaches and athletic directors should make every effort to meet the posted AIA State Tennis Tournament program deadlines.

Please call David Kukulski or Dan Kukulski at (480) 921-1975 if you have any questions regarding AIA Team Pictures, Team Rosters, Programs, Souvenirs, or Digital Photography.

**ADMISSION**

**2017 ADMISSION PRICE**

**Neutral Site State Tournament Games:**

**\$10.00 Adults**

**\$5.00 High School Student with ID**

Including: Paseo Racquet Center, Gene Autry Sport Complex, Phoenix Tennis Center and Indian School Park and Scottsdale Ranch Park.

**FREE ADMISSION**

Children five or under

Players entered in the tournament (in identifiable school uniform) entering with their varsity on the day they are competing

All tournament workers

Media with AIA issued media credentials

AIA Lifetime Pass Holder and One Guest

AIA Complimentary Pass and One Guest

*Photo ID required for AIA Pass Holder and all AIA Complimentary Passes*

***Note: If a player is eliminated during round #1, #2 or #4, and their team is from out of Maricopa County and they have teammates still in the tournament that require the individual to stay in Maricopa County with the coach and teammates, they will be admitted free to the Saturday tournament event once they are identified with a photo ID on the singles or doubles tournament bracket.***



### **Site Director Score Reporting**

Call the following AIA Score Report phone number immediately following the contest to ensure proper posting of the AIA State Tournament Results:

- 602 385-3817 (24hr. report number)

### **ADA COMPLIANCE NOTICE**

#### **ADA NOTICE:**

It is the policy of the Arizona Interscholastic Association not to discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services and activities, or in its hiring and employment practices.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as sign language interpreter, by making a request to the office staff. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

#### **AIA ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER:**

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information may be forwarded to the AIA ADA Compliance officer:

David Hines – Assistant Executive Director  
Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc.  
7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, Arizona, 85020  
602-385-3810

**AzPreps365.com Video Streaming:** Any school wanting to video stream a playoff game in any round must contact Brian Bolitho, [bbolitho@aiaonline.org](mailto:bbolitho@aiaonline.org). The exclusive rights for post season tournaments belongs to the NFHS Network; however, schools may broadcast a first round through semi-final game through [Azpreps365.com/NFHSNetwork.com](http://Azpreps365.com/NFHSNetwork.com) and not have to pay a rights fee. Any school wishing to broadcast on a third party website will be subject to the rights fee of that sport.