

# Tennis: Girls' Fall Tennis

<b>July 27, 2023</b> <i>First Practice Date</i>	<b>October 11, 2023</b> <i>Deadline to File All-Region Teams</i>
<b>August 14, 2023</b> <i>First Playing Date / Schedules Due</i>	<b>October 10-14, 2023</b> <i>State Play-offs</i>
<b>October 5, 2023</b> <i>Last Playing Region Date/File Season Reports</i>	<b>October 13 &amp; 14</b> <i>Semi-finals &amp; Championship - Sumter</i>

# Tennis: Boys' Spring Tennis

<b>January 29, 2024</b> <i>First Practice Date/ Schedules Due</i>	<b>April 25, 2024</b> <i>Last Region Playing Date; Season Reports &amp; All-Region Teams Due</i>
<b>February 19, 2024</b> <i>First Playing Date Note: a team may play one pre-season game or tourney</i>	<b>April 29 - May 4</b> <i>State Play-offs</i>
<b>March 4 &amp; 5, 2024</b> <i>Student Government Spring Convention - No Games scheduled on the 4th</i>	

## Mandatory Policies and Coaching Requirements

1. All schools shall have a written: Concussion Policy / Heat and Athletic Participation Policy  
Emergency Action Plans to include athletic venues (*Event Management Tool*)  
- Coaching Staffs must have copies of all school policies and must be in compliance.
2. **Annually**, every coach must complete the NFHS online courses:  
**Concussion in Sports** (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2>)  
**Heat Illness Prevention** (all **fall sports** coaches) (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/heat-illness-prevention-2>)
3. All coaches shall be **CPR and AED** certified.
4. All coaches will complete the following NFHS courses **every three years** (after initially completing a course):  
**NFHS Sportsmanship Course** (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>)  
**Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors** (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/bullying-hazing-and-inappropriate-behaviors>)  
**Engaging Effectively with Parents** (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/engaging-effectively-with-parents>)  
**Protecting Students From Abuse** (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/protecting-students-from-abuse>)  
**Sudden Cardiac Arrest** (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest>)  
\*New 23-24: *The Collapsed Athlete (after completion rotates to the every 3rd year cycle).*
5. **WBG T Requirement:** all schools will be required to use a **wet bulb globe thermometer** (*manual or digital*) to determine conditions for practice or competition during times of high heat and humidity. The reading will determine activity guidelines.
6. All schools shall have **Lightning Detection Device** or subscribe to a **Lightning Detection Service** and have it on-site to assist game management with inclement weather decisions and/or stoppage/resumption of play.

## Rules

1. USTA shall be the official rules unless SCISA has an otherwise stated policy.
2. The girls teams will play in the fall and the boys teams will play in the spring. Should a school not have a girls team, a girl(s) can play on the boys team in the spring. No student may participate in both seasons in the same school year without an exception provided by SCISA.

## Match Information

1. Match Format: 6 Singles and 3 Doubles.
2. Each match will be **Two sets** (regular USTA scoring) with a **10 point tie breaker** played to decide the match if the sets are split. A **set** tie-breaker will be a **7-point tie-breaker**. Pro-Set scoring (8 games, 7-point tie-breaker at 7-7) is permitted once the match has been decided. This includes the regular season and play-offs.
3. **Coaching:**  
Coaching (by the **head coach only**) will be permitted during the 90-second changeover between odd numbered games. Coaching will be limited to 45 seconds and the coach must remain outside the fence. Coaching is also allowed during the rest period following split sets. This conference is limited to two minutes. No coaching is allowed during a tie-breaker. *In the event that a match is being played at more than one site, a coach can be designated at that site to confer with players during the appropriate time.*
4. **Suspension of Play:** Suspended matches are to be resumed from the point of interruption.

## Match Information Continued

### 5. Sportsmanship

Coaches are duty bound to explain the expectations of good sportsmanship and to enforce this standard.

**Serious unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a disqualification.** Examples of serious unsportsmanlike conduct include, but are not limited to: profanity, abusive language, vulgar gestures, and throwing a racket. If a coach observes this type of behavior from his/her own player, the player shall be disqualified. If a coach observes this type of behavior by an opponent, the player's coach shall immediately be notified. The two coaches shall confer with the player and the player shall be warned or disqualified, based upon this meeting. If warned, any additional reports of unsportsmanlike conduct by a coach shall result in a disqualification. Note: Coaches must not allow spectators to interfere with play. Interference can include remarks designed to "coach" a player or objections or criticism of rulings by the players. Coaches must step-in and remind the spectator of his/her role as an observer only.

### 6. Time-out. Once a match has begun, a player may not leave the court except for the following reasons:

A. Bona fide bathroom break.

B. To replace equipment (shoes, contact lens). If such player exceeds the time allowed (5 minutes), they will be subject to the point penalty system. (Warning - 25 seconds; point - 25 seconds; game - 25 seconds; match - 25 seconds).

C. A player suffering from a treatable medical condition may be allowed one medical timeout of three minutes for treatment.

D. E. Leaving the court for reasons other than #1 or #2 will result in a forfeit of that match.

### 7. Player Requests an Official: In the event that a player requests an official, both coaches shall meet with the player to review the situation. If needed, both coaches will charge both players with the appropriate USTA ruling or interpretation. If so required, both coaches will monitor play.

## Coaching Notes

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1. Sportsmanship: What you permit, you promote! Coaches must emphasize and promote good sportsmanship and fair play according to the rules.
2. **SCISA Player-of-the-Week.** Coaches are reminded to nominate outstanding individual performances each Monday. Email stats and additional player information along with a picture to [athletics@scisa.org](mailto:athletics@scisa.org).
3. SCISA Community Service Award: "**True Champions Give Back**". The South Carolina Independent School Association shall recognize teams who takes part in a community service program/program. SCISA has adopted the motto, "**True Champions Give Back**" signifying the association's belief that an important part in the education of our young people is an awareness of the needs and service opportunities that exist around them. Each team shall submit a report detailing the service project, the number of participants, the number of volunteer hours, photos,...etc.

# The South Carolina Independent School Association Tennis Line-up Guidelines

The following guidelines are approved and exist to provide the procedures to clear-up any confusion or question regarding a team's line-up. Coaches are duty bound to know and follow these approved procedures.

## Singles

Coaches are duty bound to play their singles participants in descending order of ability.

### Singles Line-up Requirements.

1. Singles participants shall be listed in descending order of ability (1,2,3,4,5,6)
2. Challenge matches will determine this order.
3. Players shall be ranked according to their head to head competition. Each coach shall maintain a dated copy of all challenge matches including matches which established the initial ladder.
4. Challenge Matches: a player may challenge up One Position only. Recommended: Two sets with a 10-point tiebreaker format. An 8-Game Pro-Set is permitted.
5. Temporary illness or absence of any player: When a player is out, all players must move up to fill the space with any forfeits at the bottom of the lineup. When that player returns, he/she must return in their original position.
6. Once the play-offs begin, the singles ladder may not be changed.

### Line-up Questioned:

A coach, who questions the relative order of the opponent's lineup, may request to see the challenge records. Coaches must bring all challenge match data, as well as all previous individual and team scores, to every match. This includes the playoffs. Any challenge matches that change the line-up must be documented, dated and signed by the coach. If these records are not made available at the contest in question, the concerned coach may file a protest with SCISA. SCISA will then expect the challenged coach to present the records by email or fax. If records cannot be properly and promptly submitted, a forfeit will be imposed.

**Line-up Exchange:** Coaches will exchange singles line-ups 10 minutes prior to start time of the match.

## Doubles

Coaches are duty bound to play their doubles teams in descending order of ability.

### Doubles Line-up Requirements.

1. First doubles team shall have a combined rank (*based on their singles rank*) which will be **lower than** that of the second team. The second doubles shall have the same in regards to the third doubles team.
2. If this is not the case, then dated challenge match results shall be available for review. If the combined rank is the **same** as the next doubles team, then challenge match data must justify the playing order.

*\*Note: Doubles may play an 8-Game Pro-Set Challenge Match*

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**Line-up Exchange:** Coaches have the option to hold off announcing doubles until after singles matches have been completed, but must inform the other coach before exchanging singles. If doubles matches are announced after singles matches are completed, doubles line-ups will be exchanged simultaneously.



The South Carolina Independent School Association  
**Tennis Score Sheet**

Home Team \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCISA Policies**

- At least 10 minutes prior to the match, the two coaches will exchange complete singles line-ups.
- Each match will be **Two sets** (regular USTA scoring) with a **10 point tie breaker** played to decide the match if the sets are split. A **set** tie-breaker will be a **7-point tie-breaker**. Pro-Set scoring (8 games, 7-point tie-breaker at 7-7) is permitted once the match has been decided.

<b>Home Team Singles Line-up</b>	<b>Singles Result: Score Circle Winner's Name</b>	<b>Guest Singles Line-up</b>
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____	6. _____

- ◆ Coaches are duty bound to play their singles and doubles participants in descending order of ability. Challenge matches will determine this order. Players shall be ranked according to their head to head competition. Each coach shall maintain a dated copy of all challenge matches including matches which established the initial ladder.
- ◆ **Singles Line-up Requirements.**  
Coaches are duty bound to play their singles and doubles participants in descending order of ability. Challenge matches will determine this order. Players shall be ranked according to their head to head competition. Each coach shall maintain a dated copy of all challenge matches including matches which established the initial ladder. A player may challenge up One Position only using Two sets with a 10-point tiebreaker format. Temporary illness or absence of any player: When a player is out, all players must move up to fill the space with any forfeits at the bottom of the lineup.
- ◆ **Doubles Line-up Requirements:**  
First doubles team shall have a combined rank (*based on their singles rank*) which will be **lower than** that of the second team. The second doubles shall have the same in regards to the third doubles team. If this is not the case, then dated challenge match results shall be available for review. If the combined rank is the same as the next doubles team, then challenge match data must justify the playing order.

<b>Home Team Doubles Line-up</b>	<b>Doubles Result: Score Circle Winner's Name</b>	<b>Guest Doubles Line-up</b>
1. _____ _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____ _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____ _____	3. _____	3. _____

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