



2024 NIAA Class 5A Southern/State Tennis Tournaments

The 2024 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 5A Southern/State boys and girls tennis tournaments are scheduled for October 5-18 in Southern Nevada.

The team portion of the tournament will be held Oct. 4-10 at host sites and a site to be determined.

The individual portion of the tournament will be held Oct. 14-18 at Bishop Gorman and Faith Lutheran High Schools.

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TEAM TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

The tournament brackets are available on the NIAA.com website's tennis tournament info and brackets page or by following the link below.

[5A State Boys Tennis Bracket](#)

[5A State Girls Tennis Bracket](#)

LOCATION

Contests will be held at the site of the higher seeded team in the first two rounds and at site to be determined for the finals.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The top eight (8) teams in the Southern League for both boys and girls, both based on final regular-season standings, qualify for the NIAA Class 5A State Tennis Tournaments. The tournaments will have a single-elimination bracket.
2. Team (school-issued) uniforms are required at all times during play.
Legal school-issued team uniforms are required to be worn by all competitors during team and individual matches. Team uniforms will consist of, as a minimum, the embroidering / screening of the school name, initials or mascot on the uniform, and the school colors. Team uniforms may otherwise be accepted as legal and school-issued if all participants on a team are wearing the same, matching uniform regardless of colors, etc. This team uniform regulation is in regards to tops (jerseys) only. This team uniform regulation does not include shorts/skirts (bottoms). The team uniform tops (jerseys) may be a polo shirt, a T-shirt or any other representative jersey of men's or women's apparel.

The penalty for an individual competing in an illegal uniform shall be, in the first offense, a coaches' suspension for the ensuing round of team or individual competition and, in the second offense, the disqualification of the individual from the tournament in the case of the individual portion of the tournament.

3. The higher seed will be the home team in each match.
4. Coaches will exchange lineups simultaneously. Players will start play based on the lineup as exchanged by the coaches. Play will continue thereafter as courts and opponents become available.

NOTE: Only a school-appointed and cleared coach may instruct players during any odd-game changeovers in a set.

5. Substitutions are allowed in both singles and doubles round robin competitions after the completion of any one set. If a particular player is to re-enter the lineup

after a substitution, he/she must re-enter at the same position (1, 2 or 3) that he/she started.

6. Citizenship, sportsmanship and crowd/fan etiquette policies should be followed by coaches, players and spectators as outlined in the NIAA's Citizenship Through Sports Manual. NO thundersticks, confetti, megaphones, cowbells, whistles, sirens, airhorns, objects that would impair spectator vision (such as balloons) or other such devices will be permitted at the matches. NIAA Handbook regulations with regards to behavior, ejections, etc. will be enforced.
7. All coaches must be registered and cleared through Final Forms to be permitted to work with the athletes in any way.
8. The NIAA has recommended an athletic trainer be present at all tournaments.
9. An 18-point round-robin format will be used in all regular and postseason team competitions.
 - A. Each team will consist of nine (9) players - three (3) singles and three (3) doubles teams.
 - B. Both singles and doubles will play round robin. A player is NOT permitted to play both singles and doubles. SUBSTITUTIONS ARE PERMITTED AFTER EACH ROUND. If a particular player is to re-enter the lineup after a substitution, he/she must re-enter at the same position (1, 2 or 3) that he/she started.
 - C. Singles players will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing singles player. One (1) point will be awarded for each set won (total of 9 points available).
 - D. Doubles teams will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing doubles team. One (1) point will be awarded for each set won (total of 9 points available).
 - E. Each set will consist of ad scoring; The USTA 12-point tie-break system will be used when the game score reaches 6-6.
 - F. If a tie exists at the conclusion of the team match, the teams will enter into a tie-break playoff round whereby the No. 1 singles player / doubles team of one team will play against the No. 1 singles player / doubles team of the other team, the No. 2 singles player / doubles team of one team will play against the No. 2 singles player / doubles team of the other team and the No. 3 singles player / doubles team of one team will play against the No. 3 singles player / doubles team of the other team all in a 12-point USTA tie-breaker. The team which wins a majority of the six contested tie-breakers will be the winner of the match.

F-2. If the teams split (tie 3-3) during the tie-break playoff round, the team which scored more total points in the tie-break playoff round will be the winner of the match.

If the tie still remains, the tie-breaker will continue with Step H as listed below.

G. If the tie remains after F-2 “points won” during REGULAR-SEASON matches, the match will remain as a draw / tie.

ADDITIONAL POST-SEASON Team Tie-Breaker

H. If the tie remains after F-2 “points won” during POST-SEASON matches, the following additional tie-breakers will be used (in order to break the tie):

1. Most games won in matches contested between the #1 players (singles & doubles combined) during the (original) first round of the match. If the tie remains, continue to step H-2.
2. Most games won in matches contested between the #2 players (singles & doubles combined) during the (original) first round of the match. If the tie remains, continue to step H-3.
3. Most games won in matches contested between the #3 players (singles & doubles combined) during the (original) first round of the match. If the tie remains, continue to step I.

Example of Tie-Breaker H (as broken in Step H1 listed above):

Team A's No. 1 singles player defeats Team B's No. 1 singles player by a set score of 6-3 AND Team B's No. 1 doubles team defeats Team A's No. 1 doubles team by a set score of 6-4... Team A wins the tie-breaker and the team match by virtue of Team A's No. 1 players winning the match-ups by a 10-9 margin.

- I. If the tie remains after Step H has been exhausted (in order of 1, 2 and 3 to break the tie), the teams will replay (again) the first round of the match but with each individual match consisting of a 12-point set tie-breaker only. Six (6) total match points are available (i.e. one for each match) in this step.
SUBSTITUTIONS ARE PERMITTED PRIOR TO PLAYING THIS ROUND AS THEY ARE PERMITTED PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY ROUND.
- J. If the tie remains (3-3 team match score after the completion of Step I), the team which won more points combined in the six tie-breaking matches in Step I will win the match.
- K. If the tie still remains and the match is the state championship final, both teams will be declared (co-) state champions. If the tie remains and one team must be eliminated, the home team's coach will call a side in a COIN FLIP

TENNIS TIE-BREAKER (for team qualifying)

1. The win-loss records of the teams in league play shall determine the seeding into a league/region tournament. The league's/region's administrators will determine win-loss records based on previously approved schedules. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken using the following procedures:
2. Tie between two (2) teams
 - A. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.
 - B. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each match won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with more points will receive the higher seed.
 - C. (used only for seeding) If the tie remains, the team that won the second league match scheduled between the two teams will be the highest seed.
 - D. (used only for seeding) Coin toss.

EXCEPTION: Steps C & D are only to be used for seeding. A team shall not be eliminated from league or region competition by the use of step/s 'C' and/or 'D'. If the tie is not broken in steps 'A' and/or 'B' and a team will be eliminated, a playoff match will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for this contest.

3. Ties between three (3) or more teams
 - A. In all cases of ties involving more than two teams, as each team is removed from the tie, all other tied teams revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.
 - B. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.

Example of multiple team ties:

Team A defeated Team B twice and split with Team C
Team B defeated Team C twice and lost to Team A twice
Team C lost to Team B twice and split with Team B

Team A is 3-1; Team B is 2-2; Team C is 1-3.

Team A receives the highest seed. Team B earns the second-highest seed based on its head-to-head record with Team C.

C. Total points between tied teams

If the tie remains, tied teams will compare their victory total with each other in league play. Each team will total their points in victory against the other tied teams. The team with the highest number of total points will receive the highest seed. If there is a tie for highest point total, then those tied teams shall revert back to the respective tie-breaking procedure based on the number of teams remaining in the tie. Once a team is eliminated, the remaining teams will always refer back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.

Example of total points:

Team A defeats Team B, 16-2

Team B defeats Team C, 13-5

Team C defeats Team A, 10-8

Total points for Team A: 24

Total points for Team B: 15

Total points for Team C: 15

Team A is awarded highest seed

Team B is awarded second-highest seed after reverting back to head-to-head record against Team C

NOTE: The winning team in a forfeited match will be credited with a +10 margin of victory.

- D. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each team match won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.
- E. If a tie still exists and all tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region playoffs, are guaranteed entrance into the tournament, then a coin toss will be used to determine seeding. The winner of any coin flip will receive the highest seed. Remaining teams would revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.
- F. If a tie still exists, and one or more of the tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region playoffs, must be eliminated, a playoff match(es) will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for the event.

Note: In the event of a multiple team tie as outlined in step 'F,' the tied teams will draw numbers. The team drawing #1 will have a bye and will play the winner of the first playoff game. All games will be scheduled as soon as possible. Seeding will be established by the results of the playoff.

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

The tournament brackets are available on the NIAA.com website's tennis tournament info and brackets page or by following the link below.

[5A State Boys Singles Bracket](#)

[5A State Boys Doubles Bracket](#)

[5A State Girls Singles Bracket](#)

[5A State Girls Doubles Bracket](#)

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Bishop Gorman High School, located at 5959 South Hualapai Way in Las Vegas, and Faith Lutheran High School, located at 2015 South Hualapai Way in Las Vegas, are the hosts for all rounds of the individual tournament.

[A Google map of the location of Bishop Gorman High is here.](#)

[A Google map of the location of Faith Lutheran High is here.](#)

SEEDING MEETING/GUIDELINES

The seeding meeting for boys and girls singles and doubles will be held virtually October 7 at 6 p.m. **Coaches must attend**. Only one coach may represent a team. Coaches should be prepared to declare their singles and doubles entries and have individual records on hand.

Players must have played in at least 50 percent of the league matches to be eligible to participate in the individual tournament. Injury/Illness appeals will be voted on by coaches at the seeding meeting.

The objective for all coaches is fairness for all players. Seeding represents the coaches' rating of the player's chance of winning the tournament. Ratings must be justified by factual evidence such as win/loss records, head-to-head results and number of total matches played for the season. Outstanding singles players playing doubles for the first time could be considered for seeding. All coaches attending the seeding meeting recommend and vote for all seeded players.

Individual participation in the region tournament will be based on final league standings. Seeded players are included in the maximum number of players a team may send to the tournament. The allotment per league is as follows:

Southern League (11 teams), Boys & Girls
Teams 1-2: 3 singles and 3 doubles
Teams 3-11: 2 singles, 2 doubles

A TEAM ALREADY RECEIVING THREE SPOTS IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO ADD A FOURTH / USE A BYE SLOT.

The singles player / doubles team will be drawn and placed on open lines of the bracket running from top to bottom, so long as the draw does not compete against a player from the same school in the first round (then the draw will be dropped to the next open line). The bracket will only be filled (with draws) at the seeding meeting. Any no-shows on any day / round of the tournament will result in a default.

A coach may replace a singles player / doubles team with another player from his/her own team by notifying the tournament director at least 24 hours in advance of the start of the individual portion of the tournament in the case of injury, illness or ineligibility.

SANCTIONING/FORMAT

The team and individual tournaments are not USTA-sanctioned tournaments. USTA rules will apply for scoring, court behavior, game rules, tardiness and default rulings as stated in the general rules and guidelines published for this tournament.

A best-of-three (2-out-of-3) set format will be played with each set consisting of ad scoring. The USTA 12-point tie-break will be used when the game score of a set reaches 6-6.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Team (school-issued) uniforms are required at all times during team and individual play.
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2. Players must have played in at least 50 percent of the league matches to be eligible to participate in the individual tournament. Injury/Illness appeals will be voted on by the coaches at the seeding meeting.
3. USTA rules will apply for scoring, court behavior, game rules, tardiness and default rulings unless otherwise stated in this tournament information packet. This packet is a binding document for the tournament.

NOTE: The NIAA does not have an “honest effort” rule. Any singles player / doubles team who has earned a berth in the state tournament but does not show for a region first-place or third-place match for whatever reason will still be permitted to advance to the next stage of postseason play.

4. Playing times and court assignments will be determined by the Tournament Director.
5. Players and coaches are responsible for finding out playing times and court assignments.
6. A player shall not participate in both singles and doubles competition.
7. Every effort should be made to have the players call their own lines. If, however, a linesman is requested, he or she will be referred to as a court monitor. His/Her duties will be to rule only if requested by a player. If two court monitors are used, their duties should be agreed upon in advance and discussed with the players. If needed, head or assistant coaches of the competing teams/individuals may serve as court monitors.
8. The server should call the score prior to each point played. When playing, if the player doesn't see the ball CLEARLY OUT and IF the player doesn't make the call INSTANTLY, the ball is GOOD.
Players should never ask a spectator to make a call.
9. The final decision with a rule interpretation or situation affecting play will reside with the Tournament Director.
10. A 5-minute warm-up will be allowed. ALL SERVES will be taken during the warm-up.
11. A roving foot fault judge, as designated by the Tournament Director, may call foot faults on a player. If problems persist, coaches will be asked to monitor their players.
12. Coaching is allowed only on odd-game changeovers. The 90-second rule will be strictly enforced. Coaches are allowed on the court during changeovers. Head coaches and assistant coaches eligible to coach (offer advice) during a match will be required to display a name/coaches badge. Only one head coach and one assistant coach (two total as designated and cleared by the school) will be permitted to talk to the competitors during a match. Persons who do not have a coaches badge but offer advice will be given a warning (first offense) by an official or tournament staff member and then removed (second offense) from the facility.
Note: The home team is required to police any parenting problem(s) from the sideline.

13. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT** – The first warning for unsportsmanlike conduct will be issued at the player and coach meeting(s). Swearing, racket throwing or hitting balls into the net / fence deliberately will not be tolerated. The first infraction of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a loss of one point; the second will result in the loss of one game; the third will result in a default. As per NIAA regulation 2080, an athlete ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct in team competition will be denied participation for the remainder of the tournament, including individual singles or doubles competition.
14. Play is continuous and a player is not to leave the court. Only when a player wishes to obtain a line umpire should he/she leave the court. Players are permitted to take a break not to exceed 10 minutes should they split sets.
15. In the case of accidental injury, the Umpire or Tournament Director may allow a one-time, three-minute suspension for that injury. Play must resume in three minutes. An injured player may not leave the playing area.
16. The official tennis ball for NIAA postseason tournaments is Wilson..
17. The default and tardiness rule will be enforced beginning from the designated time for the start of the match. Players are encouraged to always report on time, regardless of court availability.
 - Time = Sanction
 - 0-5 minutes = Loss of one game and choice of side/serve
 - 5:01-10 minutes = Loss of two games
 - 10:01-15 minutes = Loss of three games
 - More than 15 minutes = Default of match
18. The 12-point tie-breaker
 - Singles:
 - a. A player who is first to win seven points shall win the game and the set provided he/she leads by a margin of two points. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this two-point margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used in the tie-breaker.
 - b. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point, which is delivered from the deuce court. The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points (delivered from the ad court, then the deuce court) and, thereafter, each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (ad court, deuce court) until the winner of the game and set has been decided.
 - c. Players change ends after every six points and at the conclusion of the tie-break game. The player who served first in the tie-break game shall receive service in the first game of the following set.
 - d. Play is continuous until the completion of the tiebreaker. Coaching is not permitted during the changing of ends nor during any other time once the tiebreaker has started.

Doubles:

- a. In doubles, the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter, each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order as previously used in the 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 tie-break game. The doubles pair who served first in the tie-break game shall receive service in the first game of the following set.
- c. Play is continuous until the completion of the tiebreaker. Coaching is not permitted during the changing of ends nor during any other time once the tiebreaker has started.