

**2023-2024**

# **Boys Tennis**

**State Final  
Qualifier Information**





## 2023-2024 IHSA BOYS TENNIS STATE FINALS

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors, the Tennis Advisory Committee, and our member schools, congratulations on qualifying for the 2023 IHSA Boys Tennis State Finals. It is an exciting way to conclude the season, and it is our hope that you will have an enjoyable and memorable experience at the tournament.

A special welcome is extended to all the participants of this year's tournament. Your work ethic, commitment, and dedication to the sport is to be commended as you have earned this opportunity to compete at the State Finals. I would also like to welcome and congratulate the coaches of the competing schools. Your time and effort are noticed, and we appreciate your commitment to the students of Illinois and the sport of tennis.

At the State Finals, students have the opportunity to showcase their abilities and compete at the highest level the IHSA has to offer. As a participant, you proudly represent your families, schools, and communities in a very visible forum, and we thank you for exhibiting the spirit of competition in a positive manner.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Regardless of the outcome of individual matches and the tournament itself, we expect all participants, coaches, and spectators to display the best in sportsmanship and embrace all that can be learned through competition. The hours of practice and various competitions throughout the year have led you to this incredible opportunity. We wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy your time at the IHSA Boys Tennis State Finals. Enclosed in this packet is the information you will need to prepare you for your trip to State. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of IHSA and once again, congratulations on this accomplishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Le". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "L".

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# Information for Schools Advancing from Sectionals to the IHSA State Final Tennis Tournament

1. **Seeding:** The IHSA boy's tennis seed committee under the direction of the state final manager will seed the competitors and draw up the playing schedule for the state final. The schedule will be available through the IHSA website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org), on the tennis link page by approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. **Packet Pick-Up:** On Wednesday, May 22 coaches may check in & receive their information packets from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at tournament central at the Palatine High School Gymnasium. For those teams that do not check in on Wednesday night, packets must be picked up Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at tournament central at the Palatine High School Gymnasium. **Only coaches/school representatives may pick up a team packet.**
3. **Dates:** On Thursday, May 23, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds of the main draw and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds of the back draw will be played. On Friday, May 24, the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the main draw and the 4th, 5th, and 6th rounds of the back draw will be played. On Saturday, May 25 the final round of the main draw and the semi and final rounds of the back draw will be played. **NOTE: ALL PLAYERS WILL PLAY ON THURSDAY MORNING IN ROUNDS 1, 2 and 3 AND/OR CONSOLATION ROUNDS 1, 2 and 3. Therefore, coaches should be certain to report to tournament central at the Palatine High School Gymnasium to secure any announcement and the playing schedule for the tournament prior to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.**
4. **Times:** The first rounds in both singles and doubles will begin promptly at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
5. **Weather:** Competitors should be prepared for any postponement of play due to rain or other inclement weather; they should also be prepared to play indoors should the weather make it necessary to take the tournament inside to indoor tennis courts located in the area. If the consolation feed-in bracket is eliminated due to bad weather, the consolation points will be awarded through the last completed round. Competitors are asked to report to their designated court for any weather updates.
6. **Playing Rules:** Coaches are asked to review the terms and conditions and highlight the following items with their state final qualifiers:
  - a. Warm-up play shall be ten (10) minutes in length and shall include both rallies and practice serve;
  - b. Ninety seconds shall be allowed for a change of courts. This time begins when the final point of a game is completed, and players must be in position to play in the proper court at the end of the ninety seconds;
  - c. Point Penalty System/Code of Conduct;
  - d. All matches in the state tournament will use regular ad scoring. In rounds 1 and 2 of the main (championship) draw and all consolation/backdraw matches a 3rd set super tie break will be played in lieu of a full third set, including the 5/6 place match. The Championship match and 3/4 place match will play out a full 3rd set. If the tournament is taken indoors, "no-ad" scoring shall be used except for quarter final, semifinal and final round matches in which regular scoring shall be used;
  - e. A minimum of thirty minutes rest will be given to competitors between matches.
7. **Hotel Reservations:** School authorities from each participating school must make their own room reservations. Neither the IHSA nor Palatine High School provides or guarantees any housing for coaches and competitors. The IHSA tennis menu page may announce some housing specials.
8. **State Final Merchandise:** State final merchandise will be available for purchase from Minerva Sportswear during the Boys Tennis State Final at Tournament Central (Palatine High School Gymnasium). State Final merchandise can be purchased here: [Minerva](#).



## State Final Sites and Schedule

**\*\*All matches in the state tournament are regular (with ad) scoring\*\* Thursday, May 23**

1. All matches will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the assigned site.
2. Main draw and back draw rounds will continue at the assigned sites.
3. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds of the main draw and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds of the back draw will be played.
4. The first 2 rounds of the main draw and all back draw matches will play a 3<sup>rd</sup> super-tiebreaker (up to 10).
5. Any main draw 3<sup>rd</sup> round matches and beyond will play a full 3<sup>rd</sup> set.

### Friday, May 24

1. The main draw will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the assigned sites.
2. The back draw will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the assigned sites.
3. The quarterfinal (4<sup>th</sup> round) and semifinals (5<sup>th</sup> round) rounds of the main draw and the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> rounds of the back draw will be played.
4. Main draw and back draw rounds will continue at assigned sites.

### Saturday, May 25

1. Championship matches will begin at Palatine High School as follows:
 

1A and 2A	3-4 place at 8:00 a.m.
1A and 2A	1 <sup>st</sup> place at approx. 11:00 a.m.
1A and 2A	5-6 place at approx. 11:00 a.m.
2. Back draw matches will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Palatine High School.
3. The final round of the main draw and the semi and final rounds of the back draw will be played.

Tournament central is located in Palatine High School gymnasium.

Please report to assigned site for all matches and promptly check in with the site director.

At the state tournament, the consolation feed-in back draw rounds will be played only if weather permits.



# Site Map for State Final

BAR-Barrington High School  
616 W. Main St.  
Barrington, IL 60010-3099  
847-381-1400

FR-Fremd High School 1000  
S. Quentin Rd. Palatine, IL  
60067-3797  
847-755-2600

PAL-Palatine High School  
1111 N. Rohlwing Rd.  
Palatine, IL 60074  
847-755-1610

SCH-Schaumburg High School  
1100 W. Schaumburg Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL 60194  
847-755-4610

BG-Buffalo Grove High School  
1100 W. Dundee Rd. Buffalo  
Grove, IL 60089 847-718-4000

HER-Hersey High School  
1900 E. Thomas St.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4392  
847-718-4800

PRO-Prospect High School  
801 W. Kensington Rd.  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056  
847-718-5200

STE-Stevenson High School  
Courts are located at Vernon  
Hills Athletic Complex  
308 Patriot Way Vernon  
Hills, IL 60061 847-415-  
4000

CON-Conant High School  
700 E. Cougar Trail Hoffman  
Estates, IL  
60194 847-755-3600

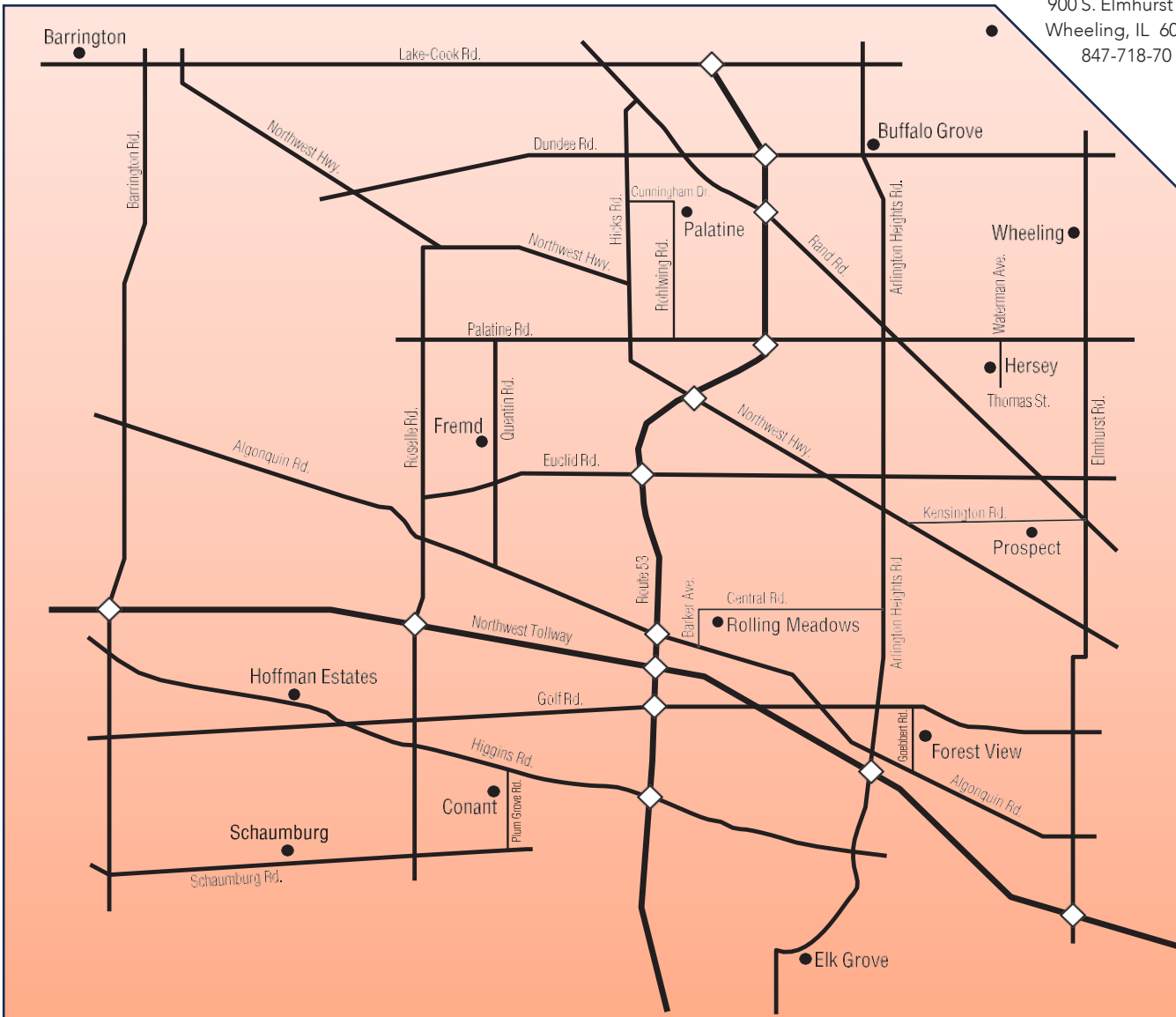
HOF-Hoffman Estates High  
School  
1100 W. Higgins Rd.  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195  
847-755-5600

RM-Rolling Meadows High  
School  
2901 Central Rd.  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
847-718-5600

VH-Vernon Hills 145 N.  
Lakeview Parkway Vernon  
Hills, IL 60061  
847-932-2000

EG-Elk Grove High School  
500 W. Elk Grove Blvd.)  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
Phone: 847-718-4400

WH-Wheeling High  
School  
900 S. Elmhurst Rd.  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
847-718-70





# IHSA Tennis Series 12-Point Tiebreaker System

For all sectional matches and state final matches:

7 out of 12 Points

At six all in games, the player whose turn it is to serve shall put the ball into play for the first point of any tiebreaker.

**SINGLES:** Player A serves point 1, right court; player B serves points 2 and 3, left court and right court; A serves points 4 and 5 (L and R); B serves point 6 (L) and, after players then changes sides, point 7 (R); A serves points 8 and 9 (L and R); B serves points 10 and 11 (L and R); A serves point 12 (L). If either player wins 7 points, by a margin of two points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6.

If the score reaches 6 points all, the players then change sides, and players shall continue to serve as before until one player establishes a margin of 2 points. Player A serves point 13, right court; player B serves points 14 and 15, left court and right court; A serves points 16 and 17 (L and R); B serves point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the players then change sides every 6 points and repeat this procedure.

- 1) The players shall "change sides for one game" after a tiebreak.
- 2) Player B shall serve first in the set following the playing of the tiebreak, thus assuring that she will be first server if this set also goes into a tiebreak.
- 3) Players shall change sides during the tiebreak without rest.
- 4) The tiebreak counts as one game in reckoning ball changes. If a ball change was called for (on) the tiebreak game, new balls shall be used.

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Player A	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	
Player B		L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R		

**DOUBLES:** (A and B) versus (C and D). Assume that player D has served the 12th game. Same procedure as in singles will apply. Players pre-serve the sequence of their serving turns. Player A serves point 1, right court; player C serves points 2 and 3, left court and right court; B serves points 4 and 5 (L and R); D serves point 6 (L) and, after teams then changes sides, Point 7 (R); A serves points 8 and 9 (L and R); C serves points 10 and 11 (L and R); B serves point 12 (L). If either team wins 7 points, by a margin of two points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6.

If the score reaches 6 points all, teams then change sides, and players shall continue to serve as before until one team establishes a margin of 2 points. Player B serves point 13, right court; player D serves points 14 and 15, left court and right court; A serves points 16 and 17 (L and R); C serves point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the teams then change sides every 6 points and repeat this procedure with the continuing sequence of service.

Teams shall "change sides for one game" after a tiebreak with team (C and D) to serve first.

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Players (A & B)	AR			BL	BR			AL	AR			BL	BR			AL	AR			BL	BR			AL	
Players (C & D)		CL	CR			DL	DR			CL	CR			DL	DR			CL	CR			DL	DR		

## "NO-AD" SCORING

A player need win only four points to win a game. If the score goes to three points all (or deuce), the next point decides the game - it is game point for both players. The receiver has the right to choose to which court the service is to be delivered on the seventh point. If a "No-Ad" set reaches 6 games all, the tiebreaker system shall be used.



# Tennis Code of Conduct/Point Penalty

There shall be no warnings for the first offense. Penalties become immediate and carry over throughout a tournament.

## Misconduct

1st Offense      2nd Offense      3rd Offense

Violation of USTA Rule No. 29, taking more than ninety seconds on changeover or taking more than 20 seconds between points	1 Point	4 Points	Disqualification
Prolonging argument over decision after directed to resume play	1 Point	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection
Failure to commence play after expiration of warm-up minutes	1 Point		

## Lateness in being ready

1st Offense      2nd Offense      3rd Offense

A player/players who are not ready to play, or are not properly attired, when a court and opponent are available after match has been called will be penalized	1 game after 5 minutes	2 games after 10 minutes	Defaulted after 15 minutes
To start match, after an intermission	1 point per minute or fraction thereof		
To resume play within fifteen minutes of injury (considered a 1 time-out injury)	Disqualification		

\*Note: The time-out for injury should be one a trainer is available on the court or if the coach or the sit director makes the decision on the court.

## Profane or obscene language or gestures

1st Offense      2nd Offense      3rd Offense

Directed at no one in particular	1 Point	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection
Directed at an official, opponent, or spectator	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection	

## Unsportsmanlike acts

1st Offense      2nd Offense      3rd Offense

Knocking balls out of enclosure	1 Point	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection
Intentional racquet dropping	1 Point	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection
Hitting ball or throwing racquet at/near person	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection	

## Gross Misconduct

1st Offense      2nd Offense      3rd Offense

Trash talking	1 Point	4 Points	Disqualification/Ejection
A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct	Disqualification/Ejection		
A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct after the player has completed his/her last match	1 Team Point		

## Use of an ineligible coach

1st Offense      2nd Offense      3rd Offense

Use of an ineligible coach	1 Team Point deduction per game		
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NOTE: The tournament manager/site director and eligible coaches may invoke point penalties in matches where there is no umpire, provided they personally observe the misconduct. In addition, it is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools to monitor player conduct. Any coach, tournament manager, or site director who personally observes misconduct may invoke the point penalties, provided they report their action to the tournament manager/site director. At the time of the 3rd penalty, a competitor will have the right to appeal to the tournament manager. First and second offense penalties shall stand as levied.

Any player who, at the conclusion of the match, exhibits gross misconduct, which includes profane or obscene language or gestures and unsportsmanlike acts, may cause that player's team to be penalized one team point toward the meet championship. Any coach who observes a violation will ask the player to accompany the coach to the tournament manager/site director or games committee at the state final. Both parties' explanations of the incident will be heard and a determination will be made as to the penalty imposed. If the player refuses or does not accompany the coach, the penalty will be automatic. The offender's coach will be notified of the infraction and the penalties imposed.

In accordance with by-law 6.011 and 6.012, any player or coach ejected (not disqualified) from a match will be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

There shall be no warnings for the first offense. Penalties become immediate and carry over throughout a tournament (sectionals and state are considered two separate tournaments for these purposes).