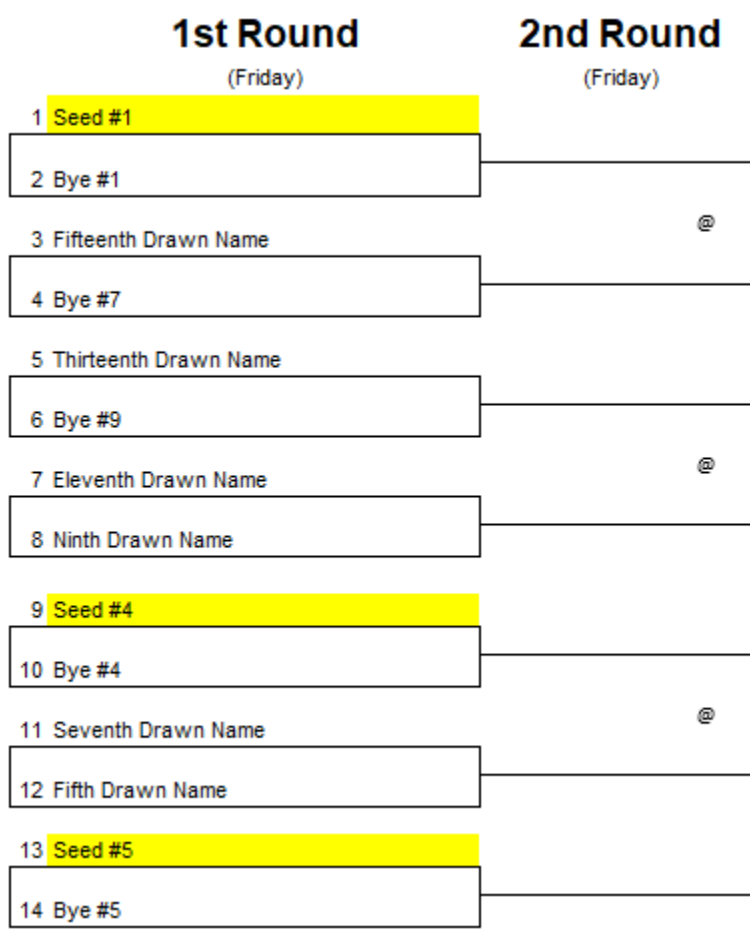


IHSA Sectional Draw Sheet Instructions for 17 or More Entries

After seeds have been determined, follow the step-by-step guide below to make the draw sheet for your IHSA Sectional. You can use the Excel (.xls) draw sheets on the IHSA Tennis page as a reference.

- 1) Place the top 6 seeds on the appropriate lines as shown on the draw sheet. The seeds will be placed on the following lines.
 - #1 seed on Line 1
 - #2 seed on Line 32
 - #3 seed on Line 24
 - #4 seed on Line 9
 - #5 seed on Line 13
 - #6 seed on Line 20

***In the event that two seeds from the same school would be on the same half of the bracket, move the lower of the two seeds to the opposite half as appropriate. For example, if the #1 and #5 seeds are from the same school, move the #5 seed to Line 20 and the #6 seed to Line 13.



- 2) After the seeds have been placed, you are ready to randomly draw names to fill the rest of the bracket. Put the names of the remaining **unseeded** players in a bucket or hat.

- 3) Before drawing names, it is strongly encouraged to determine the number of 1st Round matches or “pigtail” matches the draw will have. The sample draw sheet includes place holders for up to 22 entries, but you may have less than 22 entries. Please use the chart below based on the total number of entries to determine the number of pigtail matches your bracket will have and label the appropriate lines as Byes.

Total # of Entries	Total # of “Pigtails”	Lines on Draw Sheet to be Labeled as Byes
17	1	8, 12, 17, 21, 25
18	2	8, 12, 21, 25
19	3	8, 21, 25
20	4	8, 25
21	5	25
22	6	N/A

- 4) Begin drawing names and place entries on the appropriate line in the order as indicated on the draw sheet. As names are drawn, you will work from the middle of the bracket and alternate outward to the top and bottom.

***Reminder that entries from the same school must be on opposite halves of the draw. If “Player A” is drawn and would be placed on a half of the bracket that already includes an entry from the same school, draw another name to fill that line and place “Player A” on the next appropriate line on the opposite half.

- 5) After all names have been drawn and placed in the bracket, double check that entries from the same school are not in the same half of the bracket. Also, double check that every line in the 2nd round column will have an entry: either a winner of a pigtail match or an entry who received a 1st round bye.