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Congratulations on your team’s advancement to the state tournament. This handbook will serve as a guide to administrators and coaches to assist in providing greater consistency at the Team Tennis State Tournament. You will find this material valuable as you prepare for the tournament and arrive at the tournament.

Questions concerning the UIL Team Tennis State Tournament should be addressed to the following staff members:

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PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

State Qualifiers. The Regional Director will certify the State Qualifiers with the UIL. Joseph Garmon, UIL Team Tennis State Tournament Director, will contact the winning coach to verify scores and final season record.

Urgent. If you did not submit the team information form on the UIL website and/or submit the Photo Submission Form, please contact Joseph Garmon (jgarmon@uiltexas.org) immediately. Your team will not appear in the state program if we do not have this information.

Pairings for the Tournament. The tournament will not be seeded. UIL staff will pair teams according to season records. The two best season records will be placed in opposite brackets. The team with the third best record will be placed up or down according to a coin flip. The remaining team will be placed in the empty bracket. The actual win/loss percentage will determine the ranking of the teams, not the strength or weakness of the playing schedule.

Format. The state tournament, in each conference (4A-6A), will be a single elimination tournament held in Waco for the four schools qualifying at their regional tournaments.

Schedule. October 23-24, 2024

Wednesday	8:00 am	4A Semi-Finals	Baylor University
Wednesday	11:30 am	4A Semi-Finals	Baylor University
Wednesday	8:00 am	5A Semi-Finals	Waco Regional Tennis Center
Wednesday	11:30 am	6A Semi-Finals	Waco Regional Tennis Center
Thursday	8:00 am	4A Finals	Baylor University
Thursday	11:30 am	5A Finals	Baylor University
Thursday	3:00 pm	6A Finals	Baylor University

If mutually agreed upon, matches will be played to completion (19 matches).
The tournament director will have the option of singles or doubles if the weather is questionable.

Packets. Teams may pick-up packets **Tuesday, October 22nd from 4-6pm at Waco Regional Tennis Center.**

Hotel Information. School personnel are fully responsible for securing the teams hotel accommodations. For suggestions on hotels in the area, please visit: <https://wacotpid.com/tpid-hotels/>.

Media Credentials. School media, non-school media, local sportswriters/photographers, etc. must request credentials through the UIL website before the listed deadline, [here](#). Student media credentials will only be considered for current students and current full-time employees of the qualifying school. No team or freelance photographers/videographers will be credentialed. An online media credential request form will be posted once all teams have qualified for the state tournament. The deadline to request a media credential is October 22nd, 12:00 pm. Please direct any questions to pr@uiltexas.org.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

State Venue Location.

Waco Regional Tennis Center, 900 West Lake Shore Dr, Waco TX 76708
Hurd Tennis Center, Baylor University, 1618 S University Parks Dr, Waco TX 76706

Housing. The UIL does not make hotel room reservations for team tennis schools. School teams will need to obtain their own accommodations. Please bring your tax-exempt number to avoid paying tax and settle your lodging before checking out. Please be sure that all participants are properly chaperoned during their stay in Waco. Coaches are responsible for the proper conduct of their players at the hotels.

Parking. Parking is free at both sites.

Spectator Information. Fan information can be found online [here](#) under the state tournament page.

Tickets and Flipcards. You will be provided a tattoo for each player listed on your team information form as well as two coaches' wristbands. Digital flipcards can be found on the Team Tennis State page.

Ticket Prices:	Day Pass	\$15.00
	All-Tournament	\$25.00
	Coach All-Tournament	\$20.00

Team Pictures. Team pictures will be taken thirty minutes prior to each team's first match. Correct spelling of players' names should correspond with the program roster. If there are errors, please contact the tournament director, Joseph Garmon (jgarmon@uiltexas.org).

Supervision of Students. Each school is responsible for their students and behavior exhibited during all contests.

Tennis Etiquette. Applauding a good play is always in order. Applauding an error is never in order. If any person who takes it upon oneself to berate the officials or make oneself conspicuous by bad behavior, the team should be requested to leave the court area. Coaches are responsible for educating their students and parents about appropriate behavior. Players should shake the hand of their opponent before and after games.

Pre-Tournament Workouts. No workouts are permitted at the state tournament sites. The courts will be available the morning of the tournament.

Warm-Ups. Players will have at least a 10-minute warm-up prior to the start of the match. The players must take all practice serves during this time.

Balls. UIL will furnish Pro Penn tennis balls for all matches at the state tournament.

SportsYou. Please join and turn on notifications for the SportsYou group for the state tournament. We will communicate schedule changes, inclement weather adjustments, and all other pertinent tournament information through this group. It can be joined via the access code: **XR9TG62R** or by scanning the QR code below.



Inclement Weather. *Report to the courts regardless of the weather. Matches will begin as soon as the courts are playable. Each team is responsible for bringing two roll dries to the tournament. Teams will be responsible for drying the courts for their match.*

Rain Schedule. If Wednesday is rained out, the semifinal round will be delayed until the courts are ready for play. Teams shall not leave the site until released by the tournament director. Before leaving, write down the name of the hotel and phone/room number of where you are staying. We will keep the teams at both Waco Regional and Hurd Tennis Centers until we finish the tournament (within reason). If we must, we will play both semifinals and finals on one day.

If Thursday is rained out, with permission from the administration of all participating schools, matches will be played on Friday. If one round is completed, and it is impossible to play the finals, the two schools involved can: 1) come back to Waco Regional Tennis Center at a later date; 2) play at a neutral site; 3) flip for home site, to complete the tournament.

Athletic Trainers. An athletic training room and two athletic trainers will be available at the tennis facility. EMTs will also be on staff in case of emergency.

GAME INFORMATION

State Tournament Lineup Entries. Each state representative is responsible for providing a copy of the regional lineups, along with the State team tennis lineup entry form to Joseph Garmon, Tournament Director, before the start of the state tournament.

Lineup Changes. The coach may change the lineup to reflect proper ladder position prior to the start of the tournament based on the following regulations:

- a. **Singles Movement on Ladder.** After the previous qualifying tournament, the coach may move each player no more than one position up or down in the singles lineup.
- b. **Doubles Movement on Ladder.** After the previous qualifying tournament, the coach may move each player no more than one position up or down in the doubles lineup.

Doubles Moves. After the previous qualifying tournament, the coach may change a player from one doubles partner to another partner, but no player may move more than one position in the doubles lineup.

If a student has been out of the line up for a grading period for academic purposes and returns in time for the district tournament, the staff has given the opinion that the lineup should be re-ranked with the “new” player in his/her appropriate position.

Substitutions. A coach may make substitutions between team matches and/or during a team match before the individual match begins. In all instances of substitutions, the coach must use the following procedure.

- a. **Singles.** The coach removes a player from the lineup. All players lower in the lineup move up to fill the vacant spot in the lineup and the alternate becomes the #6 player. A player removed from the lineup for substitution may return to the lineup for the next team match but only to the position he/she vacated. All other players will return to their original positions.
- b. **Doubles.** If the coach removes one member of a doubles team from the lineup, he/she places the alternate in the vacated spot, and the team remains in the same position. If the coach removes both members of a doubles team, then the lower teams will move up to fill the vacant position, and the alternate pair becomes the #3 team.

Forfeits and Defaults. If, after an individual match begins, a forfeit occurs due to illness, injury or penalty for misconduct, the games and/or sets won by the forfeiting team shall stand and count. In all other matches if an injury or illness occurs before the individual match begins, take the player out of the lineup and move everyone else up in the lineup. The substitute then becomes #6.

Under no circumstances shall the coach change his/her lineup during a tournament. The penalty for doing so will be to forfeit the individual matches involved, with the scores becoming 6-0, 6-0 in each match. Coaches should be aware that a substitution and a lineup change are not the same.

Team Scoring and Ties. The scoring system will be No-Advantage Scoring, best 2-out-of-3 set matches with a 7-point tie breaker at six games all in the first two sets. If a third set is necessary, it will be played as a ten-point match tiebreak. Each match won will count one point for the team.

Point Penalty System. To ensure consistency in preparation for the state tournament the UIL office has provided a point penalty system for misconduct. The site director will closely enforce the point penalty system to ensure good sportsmanship and should not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct or taunting. (Example: abuse of officials, abuse of players, abuse of equipment, cursing, screaming, obscene gestures, racket throwing, ball slamming, etc.) The tournament director will warn all players before the tournament starts. Once play begins, the site director will penalize each instance of unsportsmanlike conduct as follows:

- First offense in the tournament - deduct 1 point
- Second offense - DEFAULT game
- Third offense - DEFAULT match or tournament

Offenses will be cumulative throughout the tournament. The site director will give the point penalties and will report them to the site director of the next match.

Administrators Meeting. There will be a meeting with the game administrators of both schools, and UIL administrators prior to matches beginning. The meeting will be held at the tournament desk.

Awards. Teams will be asked to observe the presentation of awards after their matches. Each team will receive 16 complimentary medals. If extras are needed, please fill out the medal request form here: <https://www.uil texas.org/machform/view.php?id=853649>

Congratulations,

Joseph Garmon
Assistant Athletic Director

Ray Zepeda
UIL Director of Athletics

PARKING MAP Waco Regional Tennis Center

Free parking at Waco Regional Tennis Center lot & the Hawaiian Falls lot.



PARKING MAP Baylor Hurd Tennis Center

Free parking at Ferrell Center, Baylor Ballpark, & Getteman Stadium adjacent to Hurd Tennis Center.

