



**RE: 2024 TENNIS CLASS 5A & 6A TOURNAMENTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 - RIDGELAND TENNIS CENTER**

TO: Athletic Directors / Tennis Coaches
FROM: Chris Chance, Director of Athletics
DATE: April 23, 2024

The MAIS Class 5A & Class 6A State Tennis Tournament will be played at the Ridgeland Tennis Center in Ridgeland, MS on Thursday, April 27. Tournament play will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. Brackets, when completed, will be available at the following website:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/Competitions/MississippiTennisAssociation/Tournaments/Overview/62d842ec-8eea-406b-b9cf-a40086a24358>.

While brackets and schedule are not currently live, they should go live within the next 24 hours. For those players and coaches registered with USTA, you will receive an email when brackets and schedules go live.

Times for Semi-Finals and Finals

Although the bracket will list times for semi-final and final matches, these times will be approximate. Players will be given a minimum of at least one hour of rest between matches. Should matches end early or run late, play will begin on the subsequent matches as soon as court availability and the one hour rest allow.

Again, please remember that court availability will dictate the start time of matches for ANY matches. Also, players may begin matches prior to start time and prior to the one hour rest should both parties mutually agree. ***Please inform players to be at the facility well ahead of scheduled time and make certain that they do not leave until they are sure of the time they should return for their next match.***

Entry Fee

There is a \$20.00 per player entry fee to cover the cost of tennis balls and the court fee. Checks should be made payable to the MAIS and can be given to the tournament director upon arrival.

Coaches

There will be a coaches packet available at the registration table concerning information for the tournament and tournament officials will be present to answer questions. Please make certain your team has a coach check in to represent your school.

Coaching

Each school's designated coach (maximum of two per school) may speak to their own player(s) within the allotted time (90 seconds) of a changeover. If a match is being played on an outside court, coaching must be done from the baseline fence. Players may not leave the playing area.

NOTE: Coaches must sign in and register their name as the official coach(es) for their team prior to play beginning. At that time, they will be given an identifying ID card and lanyard which must be worn and displayed at all times throughout the tournament when coaching. This may not be transferred at any time during the tournament.

Tennis Scoring

3 Full Sets (if necessary) of regular ad scoring. (Exception: in 6A quarterfinals, a 3rd set matchbreaker will be used.)

Team Scoring

One (1) point for each match won (1/2 point for boys and 1/2 point for girls in mixed doubles). Each forfeit (or bye) will receive 1 point.

Tie-Breaker in Class Tournaments

- 1) Championships Won (1st tie-breaker)
- 2) Total # Finals (2nd tie-breaker)
- 3) Total # Sets Won (3rd tie-breaker)
- 4) Avg. Sets Lost per Match (4th tie-breaker)
- 5) Avg. Games Won per Match (5th tie-breaker)

Awards

Each class tournament will award girls and boys team trophies (champions & runners-up) along with gold and silver medallions to team champions. Individual winners will receive plaques.

Tennis Balls

Wilson Heavy-Duty Championship balls will be provided.

Additional Notes

- There will be a coaches' meeting for all 5A and 6A coaches at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.
- A reminder, once again, that schools are required to keep their areas clean and free of trash. Any school who does not properly maintain their area will be subject to cleaning fees and fines.
- When arriving at the tennis facility in Ridgeland, please park in the tennis parking area. Overflow parking is available on the east side of the baseball/softball facility. Those choosing to park in the shopping center adjacent to Highway 51 are subject to being towed at owner's expense.
- Coaches and participants should be prepared to play at least 30 minutes ahead of scheduled time after the first round of play. While we will comply with the mandated rest time, we are also going to move forward with play as quickly as possible rather than waiting when courts are available.