



Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League (TCSAAL) Spring Individual State Tennis Rules & General Procedures 2026-2027 Season

TCSAAL will primarily follow the NFHS guidelines for Tennis, Rules and Regulations (Friend at Court):
<https://www.nfhs.org/sports/tennis>

Tournament Description

- TCSAAL will offer Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles for both girls and boys in the Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and High School (9th-12th Grade) age groups.
- Players are NOT allowed to compete in multiple draws. Each player must choose to play either Singles, Doubles, or Mixed Doubles.
- Each participant will be guaranteed at least two matches during the tournament.
- Consolation round matches are not guaranteed, however they will be played if possible.
- In addition, TCSAAL reserves the right to alter the State Tennis Tournament to a 2-day event to take place Friday (3/5/27) & Saturday (3/6/27) rather than Saturday only, if the size of the tournament deems it necessary.

Individual Awards

- Players that finish in the top 4 of their draw will receive a medal.
- First and Second Place Medals will be awarded after the Championship Match.
- Players that are eliminated in the semifinals will receive a Final Four Medal.

Match Length and Scoring

- All matches will be played with “No-Advantage scoring.”
- All matches will play an 8-game Pro Set for each match.
- A 10-point tiebreaker will be played at 8-8 (and the TCSAAL Tournament Director, once notified, will come to supervise the tiebreaker).

Seeding

- TCSAAL will seed randomly. Previous year’s results will be utilized when applicable.
- Participants from the same campus will be placed on opposite sides of the draw to ensure teammates will not play each other until the Championship Match when possible.
- TCSAAL will make first round matchups from different regions when possible.

Continuous Play

Warm-Up Time

- TCSAAL will utilize a 5-minute warm-up period. Warm-up is not a practice time. Players should allot time for each area of their game including serves during this 5-minute period.

In-Game Play

- As a principle, play should be continuous from the time the match starts (when the first service of the match is put in play) until the match finishes at the conclusion of the last point.
- Between points, a maximum of twenty (20) seconds is allowed. When the players change ends at a changeover, a maximum of ninety (90) seconds are allowed. However, after the first game of each set and during a tiebreak game, play shall be continuous and the players shall change ends without a rest.
- At the end of each set there shall be a break of a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds. The maximum time starts from the moment one point finishes until the first service is struck on the next point.

Coaching

- Coaching is allowed during stoppage in play. However, coaching must take place during the time span discussed above in “in-game play” and they must leave the court area for play to resume.

Dropped Participant Policy

- Once the draws have been posted online (week of the tournament), a \$25 fee will be charged for any student that doesn't participate in the tournament.