

2017-18 TENNIS

*Regional Tournament & State
Championship Bulletin*

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 9, 2018	Boys' and Girls' Regional Entries Due
Monday, April 16 – Thursday, April 19, 2018	Boys' and Girls' Regional Playoffs
Friday, April 20, 2018	Boys' and Girls' State Qualifying Entries Due
Monday, April 23 – Tuesday, April 24, 2018	Boys' and Girls' Divisions I & II State Championships
Thursday, April 26 – Friday, April 27, 2018	Boys' and Girls' Divisions III & IV State Championships

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

DIVISION I				
REGION	HOST	SITE	DATES	MEET DIRECTOR
I	Sulphur High School	McMurry Park Sulphur, LA	4/16 - 4/18	Scott Fancher scott.fancher@cpsb.org (337) 794-8382
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 16, 2018 at Sulphur High 9th Grade Gym 5:00 p.m.</i>			
II	Catholic B.R.	BREC Highland Park Baton Rouge, LA	4/17 - 4/18	Kyle Jackson kjack762@gmail.com (225) 571-9238
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 16, 2018 at Catholic High Room 125 5:30 p.m.</i>			
III	St. Paul's	Pelican Athletic Club Mandeville, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Brother Ken Boesch broken@stpauls.com (985) 966-1134
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15, 2018 at Pelican Athletic Club 3:00 p.m.</i>			
IV	Jesuit (B) Dominican (G)	City Park Tennis Center New Orleans, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Travis Smith smitht@jesuitnola.org (504) 905-3984
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 13, 2018 at Jesuit High School 4:00 p.m.</i>			

DIVISION II				
REGION	HOST	SITE	DATES	MEET DIRECTOR
I	Neville	Forsythe Tennis Center Monroe, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Kathryn Waters Kathryn.waters@mcschools.net (318) 512-2894
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15 at Neville High School Field House 4:00 p.m.</i>			
II	St. Thomas More	St. Thomas More Lafayette, LA	4/17 - 4/18	Hunter Cobb huntercobbtennis@gmail.com (720) 320-3971
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 16, 2018 at St. Thomas More High School Boardroom 5:00 pm.</i>			
III	St. Michael	BREC Forest Park Baton Rouge, LA	4/16 - 4/17	John Little Johnnyw1970@aol.com (225) 270-1181
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15, 2018 at BREC Forest Park 3:00 pm.</i>			
IV	Ben Franklin (G) Vandebilt (B)	UNO Tennis Center New Orleans, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Joan Kessel jkessel@bfhsla.org (504) 491-2420
	<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15, 2018 at Ben Franklin High School Room 181 1:00 pm.</i>			

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

DIVISION III

REGION	HOST	SITE	DATES	
I	Loyola Prep	Cockrell Tennis Center Shreveport, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Mike Mawhinney Mmawhinney@loyolaprep.org (318) 455-9993
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15, 2018 at Cockrell Tennis Center 4:00 p.m.</i>
II	St. Louis	Lake Charles Racquet Club Lake Charles, LA	4/16 - 4/18	Robert Piper Robert.Piper@lcdiocese.org (337) 540-8070
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 16, 2018 at Lake Charles Racquet Club 5:00 p.m.</i>
III	Holy Savior Menard	Aquatic Club Alexandria, LA	4/18 - 4/19	Tracey Simpson tns10s@aol.com (318) 451-8802
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 17, 2018 at Alexandria Aquatic Club 5:00 p.m.</i>
IV	Acad. of Sac. Ht. NO	UNO Tennis Center New Orleans, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Ashley Ruckert aruckert@ashrosary.org (504) 377-6975
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 12, 2018 at CC's Coffee House 3647 Veterans Blvd. Metairie 6:00 p.m.</i>

DIVISION IV

REGION	HOST	SITE	DATES	
I	Ouachita Christian	ULM Tennis Center Monroe, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Kelly Taylor Kw_taylor@outlook.com (318) 801-0775
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15, 2018 at ULM Stadium Offices 4:00 p.m.</i>
II	Grace Christian	Alexandria City Courts & Alexandria Aquatic Racquet Club (AARC) Alexandria, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Jeff Hutchinson jhutchphs80@yahoo.com (318) 308-2919
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 12, 2018 at Oakdale High School 5:00 p.m.</i>
III	Ascension Episcopal	Youngsville Sportsplex Youngsville, LA	4/16 - 4/17	Buck Bobo Buck10stars@yahoo.com (251) 979-3632
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 12 at Ascension Episcopal High School Gym Conference Room 4:00 p.m.</i>
IV	Metairie Park Country Day	UNO Tennis Center New Orleans, LA	4/18 - 4/19	Mike McGuire mike_mcguire@mpcnds.com (504) 628-2017
				<i>Coach's Meeting: April 15 at Metairie Park Country Day School Boardroom 2nd Floor 4:00 p.m.</i>

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY GUIDELINES

Email online entry form, found on the LHSAA Tennis Page under forms & downloads, to Adam MacDowell (amacdowell@lhsaa.org) and the Regional Tournament Director for your region (refer to pages 4-5) by Monday, April 9, 2018. **No entries or singles alternates can be added after this date.** Payment for regionals will be \$15.00 per participant. All payments must be postmarked by April 9th and mailed to the LHSAA Office by certified, return-receipt-requested mail.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Doubles entries (No Singles) may be substituted preceding play at regional tournament. The alternate must come from the list of alternates as presented to the regional director. Each participant must meet all LHSAA eligibility requirements.

LHSAA Handbook Section 21.6.6 Entries

1. Girls and boys in all divisions shall be allowed to enter one event.
2. Teams in all divisions shall be allowed to enter one player/team in each of the categories listed below. (Total of 8 entries per school)
 - No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles (Boys & Girls)
 - No. 1 doubles and No. 2 doubles and No. 3 doubles (Boys and Girls)

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING INFORMATION

21.5.1 Criteria for Seeding Singles at the Regional Tournament

1. Players shall be seeded in all regional tournaments.
2. Players shall be seeded according to their (a) USTA Southern Standings unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.
3. The tournament's regional chairman shall notify all head coaches in their region of the location, date, and time of the seeding meeting.

21.5.2 Criteria for Seeding Doubles at the Regional Tournament

1. Players shall be seeded in all regional tournaments.
2. Players shall be seeded according to their (a) USTA Southern Standings unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.
3. In seeding doubles teams for the regional tournament, a school's first- and second-place teams shall be placed on opposite sides of the bracket.
4. The third-place team shall be placed on either side of the bracket and in a different quarter of the bracket.
5. Teams from the same school shall not meet in the first round of play.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

21.4.1

The point system shall be used to decide overall team honors in tournaments.

1. A school shall be credited with one point per winning match in boys' or girls' competition.
2. No entry shall count as a bye. One point shall be awarded for a bye only if the team wins the next match.
3. Two points shall be awarded to a player winning a second match and having a bye in the first round in both regional and state competition.
4. If a team is "entered," the entry shall be official. If a team fails to compete after entering, one default point shall be awarded to the other team in the bracket. The other team shall not have to win the next round match to be awarded this point.
5. If the LHSAA declares a team ineligible prior to the start (posted time of team's event) of a tournament, or after play has started, the entry becomes a "no entry" and is treated as a bye.

21.4.2 Tie Breaker

Ad scoring shall be used for regional and state competition. No-Ad scoring will be used in inclement weather. A 12-point tie breaker shall be used in all regional and state tournament matches when the score is tied in a set of six games all. The first player who gets 7 or more points with a 2-point advantage in a 12-point tie breaker shall win the set.

21.4.3 Penalty System

1. A point-penalty system shall be used in all matches as follows: first - point; second - game third - default (based on consultation with the tournament director and/or referee).
2. The point-penalty system shall be cumulative during the match. Doubles' players shall be penalized as a team not individual players.

21.8.2 Uniforms

Players on the same school team competing in boys' or girls' regional/state tournament shall be attired in the same color shirts and the same color pants or shorts; the pants or shorts may be a different color from that of the shirt. Players shall not be allowed to wear blue jeans or "cutoff" shorts. The same color shirts shall be worn by all team members the entire first set; a member may then change shirts with the referee's approval. A player that is not in compliance with this rule shall not be allowed to compete in the regional/state tournament.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT/DISPUTE RULES

The regional tournaments will consist of three (3) matches per day. In all rounds prior to semis, if sets are split, a ten (10) point tie-break will be played in lieu of a third set. In semi-finals and finals, matches will be best two (2) out of three (3) sets.

If there is a score discrepancy, a request for an official can be done by either the player or the player's coach. Parents cannot request an on-court official.

The time between matches will be up to one (1) hour from the officials recording of the conclusion of the previous match played. Tournament table officials should report this to the player. It is the head coaches or their designees' responsibility to know the start times for their players.

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
State Championship Dates/Site	Monday, April 23 – Friday, April 27, 2018 ULM Tennis Center, Forsythe Park Monroe, LA
Admission	<p>Admission to the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA State Tennis Meet is free. Entrances for both locations will open at 7:30 a.m. for teams each day and at 8:00 a.m. for spectators each day.</p> <p><i>The ULM Tennis Center and Forsythe WILL allow teams to bring outside food and drinks into their facilities, but they ask that everyone cleans up after themselves.</i></p>
Schedule	<p>Monday, April 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division I, Rounds 1-3 Forsythe/BDCC • Division II, Rounds 1-3 ULM <p>Tuesday, April 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division I, Semis & Finals ULM • Division II, Semis & Finals ULM <p>Thursday, April 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division III, Rounds 1-3 ULM • Division IV, Rounds 1-3 Forsythe/BDCC <p>Friday, April 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division III, Semis & Finals ULM • Division IV, Semis & Finals ULM <p><i>*Note there will be no play on Wednesday, April 25 unless there are matches that still need to be played due to inclement weather.</i></p> <p>The tournament will start each day at 7:30 a.m. with the coaches meeting. At 7:45 a.m. court assignments will be announced, and play will start at 8:00 a.m.</p>
Official State Meet Rules	The USTA publication Friend at Court shall be the official LHSAA rules. This publication can be found on the tennis page of the LHSAA website under forms & downloads. Please note that a LHSAA rule shall supersede a USTA rule. Please refer to the Tennis section of the LHSAA Handbook for all of the LHSAA Tennis bylaws.
Awards	A boys' team state champion trophy and a runner-up trophy as well as a girls' team state champion trophy and runner-up trophy will be awarded for each division at the state meet. Individual awards will be presented to the state champions and runners-up in all divisions for boys and girls.

STATE MEET QUALIFIERS

In individual competition, each of the four (4) regions shall qualify the first through eighth place players in girls' singles competition and the first through eighth place players in boys' singles competition to advance to state competition; giving 32 automatic qualifiers to the state competition.

In doubles competition, each of the four (4) regions shall qualify the first through eighth place teams in girls' doubles competition and the first through eighth place teams in boys' doubles competition to advance to state competition; giving 32 automatic qualifiers to the state competition.

STATE MEET SEEDING INFORMATION

Criteria for Seeding Singles at the State Tournament

1. The LHSAA will place regional qualifiers on the pre-determined state tournament bracket.
2. The LHSAA will post unofficial brackets and allow for a regional dispute time before making brackets official.
3. Regional runner-up contestants qualifying for the state tournament shall be placed in the opposite half of the bracket from the same region's champion.

Criteria for Seeding Doubles at the State Tournament

1. Seeding for the state tournament shall specifically be in the following order:
 - a. All Regional Qualifiers will be seeding on a pre-determined bracket
 - b. First and Second will be placed by coaches' nominations
 - c. All other entries shall be placed on the bracket per their regional finish
2. In seeding doubles teams for the state tournament, a school's first and second place teams shall be placed on opposite sides of the bracket.
3. The third place team shall be placed on either side of the bracket and in a different quarter of the bracket.
4. Teams from the same school shall not meet in the first round of play.

STATE MEET COMPETITION FORMAT

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STATE MEET SCORING INFORMATION

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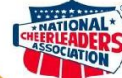
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