

TSSAA TENNIS TUESDAY

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Welcome Back

It's hard to believe, but we have officially begun the 2026-2027 school year. This year, I will send a bi-weekly Tennis Tuesday. Hopefully, this newsletter will be fun, informative and not overwhelm your in-box with more things to read or do. As always, if you have any ideas or scenarios to include in the newsletter, please email me.

Thanks,
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Middle School Tournament

Last Tuesday, I sent information to you about the Middle School Tournament in Murfreesboro at the end of September. For more information about the format and times go to ustatn.com/msstatetournament

High School Practice

The official first high school practice date is February 8, 2027.

The TSSAA tennis regulations allow tennis teams to practice year-round except during the dead period which is June 28-July 11, 2027. During the dead period there can be no practice, contact with students in-person or virtually or coaching.

Each school may decide if they will allow their teams to practice year-round. It is recommended that teams allow optional practice out of the traditional season.



Did you know?

45. **Clothing and equipment malfunction.** If clothing or equipment, other than the racket, becomes unusable through circumstances outside the control of a player, play may be suspended for a reasonable period. If a racket or string is broken, a player may leave the court to get a replacement, but the player is subject to code violations for delay under the Point Penalty System.
46. **Placement of towels.** Towels are to be placed on the ground outside the net post of the back fence. Clothing or towels should never be placed on a net.

Rules found on page 43 of USTA Friend at Court

What may a player who has a broken string or racket do if the player does not have a replacement racket?

The player may play with the broken racket. The player may leave the court to get a replacement racket. The player may ask someone else to get a replacement racket. The player is subject to code violations for delay under the Point Penalty System.

Rule 29B permits a player "reasonable extra time" to leave the court only in those cases where "clothing, footwear or necessary equipment (excluding racket) is broken or needs to be replaced." (Rule 4)

**Scenarios found on page 2 of the
USTA Officiating Scenarios & Interpretations**



UPCOMING DATES



Middle School State Tournament Deadline to Register is **SEPTEMBER 13**

September 25-Junior Varsity Division

September 26-27 Varsity Division

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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