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The OSAA Tennis Season is JUST around the corner! Practices begin February 27! Here are some reminders for your season ahead.

OSAA Tennis Plan Book

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/planbooks/tnplan.pdf>

The 2022-23 OSAA Tennis Plan Book is available on the OSAA website. This plan book contains information regarding important season dates, rules information, and OSAA policies.

2022-23 Minimum Practice Requirement

As students return to participation in activities, it is important to assess whether or not they are physically prepared to participate in competition. For the 2022-23 sports seasons, there is a minimum requirement of 5 practices that a student must participate in before they can compete against another school. If an athlete participated with a Winter sport, then the student would not need to meet the minimum practice requirement before competing during Spring sports.

OSAA ADOPTED TENNIS RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

The 2023 USTA Official Rules of Tennis will be used with the following clarifications:

1. USTA Rules will govern play. All rules, such as foot faults, will be enforced.
2. A contestant may enter in one event, i.e., either Singles or Doubles.
3. It is recommended that players from the same school be dressed similarly. If any wording, other than the school name, appears on a player's uniform, it shall be no larger than 2-1/4 inches square. Players with inappropriate attire will not be permitted to participate and may be subject to delay of match penalties per USTA rules.
6. **Tennis Reporting: *Tennis reporting is required for all schools to use.*** The OSAA adopted Tennis Reporting as our reporting system for rosters, schedules and score submissions for Oregon high School tennis programs.

REPORTING SCHEDULES, ROSTERS AND RESULTS (*OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies*)

(*Revised Summer 2020*)

A. Schedules.

- 1) **Team Sports.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to submit varsity team schedules to the OSAA through <http://www.osaa.org/> prior to the first contest date of that sport's season. Varsity schedules are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball. Subsequent changes to each varsity team's schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.
- 2) **Wrestling.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to input varsity team schedules into the assigned TrackWrestling team profile prior to the first contest date. Subsequent changes to the schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.
- 3) **Tennis.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to input varsity team schedules into the assigned Tennis Reporting System (<http://www.tennisreporting.com>) team profile prior to the first contest date. Subsequent changes to the schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.

B. Rosters.

- 1) **Team Sports.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to submit varsity team sport rosters to the OSAA through <http://www.osaa.org/> prior to the first contest date of that sport's season. Varsity rosters are required for the

following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball. Subsequent changes to each varsity team's roster shall be updated as they occur throughout the season.

C. **Results.**

- 1) **Team Sports.** The host school is required to report the result of each varsity contest through <http://www.osaa.org/> by 10pm on the day the contest is played. In neutral site contests, the designated home team shall report the result. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to report the result. Reports of varsity scores are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball.
- 2) **Wrestling.** Member schools shall verify after all Varsity dual meets and Varsity tournaments (individual and dual meet formats) that complete results are entered into the school's assigned TrackWrestling team profile and have been accepted. It is highly recommended, but not required, that all events be scored live using TrackWrestling. If the host school does not score the event live using TrackWrestling, then the host school has the responsibility for inputting results for all participating teams within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to input the results.
- 3) **Tennis.** Member schools shall verify after all Varsity dual meets and Varsity tournaments (individual and dual meet formats) that complete results are entered into the school's assigned Tennis Reporting System (<http://www.tennisreporting.com>) team profile and have been accepted. The host school has the responsibility for inputting results for all participating teams within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to input the results.

D. **Consequences of Failure to Report Complete Schedules or Rosters.** Failure to report a complete schedule or a varsity team sport roster shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

E. **Consequences of Failure to Report Results.** Failure to report results shall cause the following progressive sanction(s) process for each individual incident and in the time stated. Failure to report results by the 3rd Level shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

1) **Team Sports:**

- a) 1st Level – Reminder Email (1st day after scheduled contest)
- b) 2nd Level – Warning Email (2nd day after scheduled contest)
- c) 3rd Level – Probation Email (3rd day after scheduled contest)

2) **Wrestling and Tennis:**

- a) 1st Level – Reminder Email (5th day after scheduled contest)
- b) 2nd Level – Warning Email (6th day after scheduled contest)
- c) 3rd Level – Probation Email (7th day after scheduled contest)

If you have not registered for Tennisreporting yet, please do so. There is no cost to register as a coach for an OSAA High School.

How to register for Tennis Reporting: Each school is allotted one active coach per girls team and boys team. (If you coach both boys and girls, then you will need to complete the registration process twice as you will need to register a girls team and a boys team). **Do not register for a Co-ed team.** The state of Oregon does not have co-ed tennis.

- 1-Go to TennisReporting.com
- 2-Register (***You will register as a COACH and either Male or Female depending on the gender of the team you coach***)
- 3-Fill out form completely (Division is 5A or 4A etc)
- 4-Use the discount code "tennisreporting" when prompted to pay and click Apply Code! This will give you FREE access to the site!
- *After Registering you will be able to click on the Player Icon at the top of the page and choose User Preferences and you can update your Media Contacts (Newspaper, AD, conference commissioner, etc) which will allow for easy match result submissions to be emailed to your contacts.

ROSTERS/MANAGE ROSTER-This is the area where you will add your players for your team (you can add as many as you know now and keep adding throughout your tryout process). You will want to make sure you put in their First/Last Name/Grade/Gender as these are the only required fields. All additional fields are optional.

TennisReporting@gmail.com We can quickly help you answer any questions you may have, but no questions regarding TennisReporting should be directed to the OSAA.

Participation Limitations for 2023:

1. PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS *(OSAA Handbook, Participation Limitations, Tennis)* *(Revised Winter 2019)*

- A. **Team.** A school team shall not compete in more than 16 playing dates at each level of competition, exclusive of the varsity district tournament and state championships. Any time a student participates representing their school, it shall count toward the school's team limitation.

Teams with limited players (no more than two) may fill open slots in a match between two other schools' teams. The match shall count as only one playing date for all teams concerned.

- B. **Individual.** A student shall not compete in more than 16 playing dates, exclusive of the varsity district tournament and state championships. Additionally, a student shall not compete in more than three sets per day in a dual match format. A varsity player may play one set or pro-set against a junior varsity player provided they complete their varsity match in straight sets.

C. **Double Duals and Tournaments.**

- 1) A maximum of eight playing dates may be multiple matches in the form of double duals or tournaments.
- 2) A one-day tournament shall count as one playing date for the team. A two-day tournament shall count as two playing dates for the team.
- 3) In a double dual or tournament format, an individual may compete in a maximum of six sets per day.
- 4) In double dual play which involves three team competing in a dual format against each other in one day, a student may participate in multiple levels of play. In addition, a student may compete in both doubles and singles competitions on the same day, but not against the same school. The student may only participate in two matches or a maximum of six sets during ad double dual competition.
- 5) In tournament play, a student may participate in only one level of competition.

Health and Safety Information

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/planbooks/tnplan.pdf>

The OSAA website contains a variety of information regarding heat and hydration, lightning safety, and concussion management. This page contains links to informational items that all coaches should familiarize themselves with as practices begin.

Lightning Safety Guidelines

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/planbooks/tnplan.pdf>

The OSAA has made a concerted effort to educate member schools and officials associations regarding the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. Once thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, all personnel, athletes and spectators should evacuate to available safe structures or shelters.

We will continue to provide updated information on our OSAA website for both boys tennis at <http://www.osaa.org/activities/btn> and girls tennis at <http://www.osaa.org/activities/gtn>. Best of luck this season! I look forward to seeing you all on the courts!

Sincerely,

K.T. Emerson