



2023 - 24 TENNIS

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
BULLETIN

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Boys' and Girls' Regional Entries Due
Monday, April 15 – Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Boys' and Girls' Regional Playoffs
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Boys' and Girls' State Qualifying Entries Due
Monday, April 22 – Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Boys' and Girls' Divisions III & IV State Championships
Thursday, April 25 – Friday, April 26, 2024	Boys' and Girls' Divisions I & II State Championships

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND INVOICE GUIDELINES

For schools to pay the entry fee for the state tournament, an invoice must be created on the LHSAA Members Site. ALL SCHOOLS MUST CREATE AN INVOICE EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING ONLINE.

STEP 1: The coach must log in to the LHSAA member site, and click the "Forms" tab. He or she must then choose "Sport's Entry Forms."

STEP 2: Once he/she clicks "Sport's Entry Forms" he/she will have the option to select "LHSAA Boy's Tennis Entry Form" or "LHSAA Girl's Tennis Entry Form."

By clicking "Create New LHSAA Tennis Entry Form," he or she will be brought to the entry form shown below.



2021-2022 TENNIS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
DIVISION II GIRLS' ENTRY FORM

Please fill out this form and sign it below by entering your name in the Signature textbox.
To complete this form please click the Submit Entry Form button.

School: Ztest2	Address: 1233 Street New Orleans LA 12345
Division: II	Region: 3
Principal: <input type="text" value="Select One"/>	Coach: <input type="text" value="Select One"/>

*As of 12/10/2022

Singles

#	Select Participant	Name	Grade	Matches Won*	Matches Lost*	USTA Standing*
1	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Doubles Teams

#	Select Participant	Name	Grade	Matches Won*	Matches Lost*	USTA Standing*
1	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
1	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text" value="---Select Participant---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Total Amount: \$0.00

Alternates

There can be up to four (4) alternates for both boys and girls. Any alternate can substitute for any player prior to regional play. After regional play, an alternate may substitute only for a player on a doubles team at state.

#	Select Alternates	Name	Grade	Matches Won*	Matches Lost*	USTA Standing*
1	<input type="text" value="---Select Alternate---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text" value="---Select Alternate---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text" value="---Select Alternate---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text" value="---Select Alternate---"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

An entry fee of \$15.00 will be applied per student entry. Alternates do not get charged. After signing and submitting this form an invoice will be emailed to the Principal and AD.

I understand the deadline dates, financial obligations, any/all LHSAA by-laws outlined in the LHSAA handbook and agree to abide by all.

Signature: Date:

STEP 3: At this step, he/she will be asked to select the Principal and Head Coach from a drop down menu. If there is not a Principal or Head Coach listed, that means no one is registered on the LHSAA member site for that position at your school. Next, he/she will have to add the athletes he/she wishes to enter into the state tournament. Only athletes that are registered will appear. If your athletes are not on the dropdown, you will need to meet with your principal or AD to ensure your student is properly registered and submitted to the LHSAA tennis roster. If the student has participated prior to being registered and submitted, you need to self-report to Adam MacDowell at amacdowell@lhsaa.org to avoid additional fines and sanctions. Once this is completed and the form is signed and dated, he/she will have the option to submit or save the entry form.

Once the entry form is submitted, a new one cannot be created, your lineup and financial form will be official, and an invoice will be generated and emailed to the principal.

STEP 4: The principal will then have the option to save/print a PDF version of the invoice **or** pay online via ACH payment through the LHSAA payment portal. Online payment must be completed by **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**.

If the school chooses to pay by check, it must be made payable to the LHSAA and sent by **certified return-receipt mail with the invoice**. If you do not receive a tracking number from the post office, you have not mailed your check correctly and may incur a fine. It must be postmarked no later than **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

Mail all checks to:
LHSAA
C/O Adam MacDowell
12720 Old Hammond Hwy.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

The entry form will open Monday, March 25, 2024, and close Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Schools will only be able to submit one form, as that will be the school's official lineup. This form cannot be changed prior to the regional tournament.

SUBSTITUTIONS: There can be up to 4 alternates for both boys and girls. Any alternate can substitute for any player prior to regional play. However, Lineups cannot be changed. A doubles or singles player that is taken out for a substitute shall not participate in the regional tournament and cannot be used as a substitute on a doubles team at the state tournament.

After regional play, an alternate may substitute only for a player on a doubles team at state. 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 & Girls)
3. Singles may only substitute prior to the regional brackets being built. Single substitutes shall be listed on the LHSAA entry form.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING INFORMATION

21.5.1 Criteria for Seeding Singles at the Regional Tournament

1. Players shall be seeded according to their (a) UTR rating unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.
2. 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 according to their (a) UTR rating unless there is verifiable evidence of head-to-head competition and (b) their current high school performance.
2. 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.
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.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT BYLAWS

21.4 SCORING

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 may 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 matches per day. In all rounds prior to semis, if sets are split, a ten point tie-break will be played in lieu of a third set. In semi-finals and finals, matches will be best two out of three 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 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

State Championship Dates/Site	Monday April 22, 2024 – Friday, April 26, 2024 ULM Tennis Center, Forsythe Park, and , Bayou Desiard Country Club Monroe, LA		
Admission	Entry for the LHSAA State Tennis Meet is free. Both locations will open at 7:00 a.m. for warm-ups. 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.		
Schedule	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Monday, April 22nd</u> ·Division III, Rounds 1-3 Forsythe/ BDCC ·Division IV, Rounds 1-3 ULM</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 23rd</u> ·Division III, Semis & Finals ULM ·Division IV, Semis & Finals ULM</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 25th</u> ·Division I, Rounds 1-3 ULM ·Division II, Rounds 1-3 Forsythe/ BDCC</p> <p><u>Friday, April 26th</u> ·Division I, Semis & Finals ULM ·Division II, Semis & Finals ULM</p> <p>*Note: there will be no play on Wednesday, April 24th and Saturday, April 27th unless there are matches that still need to be played due to inclement weather.</p> <p>Monday and Thursday will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a coaches meeting at each location with the USTA officials and LHSAA staff. Tuesday and Friday will begin at 7:30 a.m. at ULM with the All-Academic presentation followed by the Invocation and the National Anthem.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Divisions designated to play Forsythe/BDCC</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: auto;"/> <p><u>Forsythe</u> Girls singles and doubles up to semis Boys singles second and quarterfinal rounds Boys doubles quarterfinals</p> <p><u>BDCC</u> Boys singles 1st round Boys doubles first and second round</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>Monday, April 22nd</u> ·Division III, Rounds 1-3 Forsythe/ BDCC ·Division IV, Rounds 1-3 ULM</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 23rd</u> ·Division III, Semis & Finals ULM ·Division IV, Semis & Finals ULM</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 25th</u> ·Division I, Rounds 1-3 ULM ·Division II, Rounds 1-3 Forsythe/ BDCC</p> <p><u>Friday, April 26th</u> ·Division I, Semis & Finals ULM ·Division II, Semis & Finals ULM</p> <p>*Note: there will be no play on Wednesday, April 24th and Saturday, April 27th unless there are matches that still need to be played due to inclement weather.</p> <p>Monday and Thursday will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a coaches meeting at each location with the USTA officials and LHSAA staff. Tuesday and Friday will begin at 7:30 a.m. at ULM with the All-Academic presentation followed by the Invocation and the National Anthem.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Divisions designated to play Forsythe/BDCC</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: auto;"/> <p><u>Forsythe</u> Girls singles and doubles up to semis Boys singles second and quarterfinal rounds Boys doubles quarterfinals</p> <p><u>BDCC</u> Boys singles 1st round Boys doubles first and second round</p>
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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. <u>Each Champion and Runner- Up Team will receive 10 team medals. Any additional team medals may be ordered by the school from Gold Star Trophies. See page 13.</u>		
All - Academic Honors	Check - in for All- Academic recipients is at 7:00 a.m. at the Tournament Table. Students receiving All-Academic awards will be awarded at 7:30 a.m. after the courts are cleared from warm-ups.		

STATE MEET QUALIFIERS

In individual competition, each of the four 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 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 placed on a pre-determined bracket.
 - b. 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 tournament brackets will be posted for review on Friday, April 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Errors in seeding the brackets based on the above seeding criteria must be reported to amacdowell@lhsaa.org in that time frame. **Only errors reported during that time will be corrected.**

STATE MEET COMPETITION FORMAT

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DETERMINING REGIONAL AND STATE MEET CHAMPIONS

21.9.1 Using the basis of one point per win, calculate the most points scored during the tournament.

1. The winner of the finals match shall receive 1.5 points and the runner up receives 0.5 points.
2. If total points scored is tied, the team with the most individual overall winners shall be the champion.
3. If total points scored and most individual overall winners are tied, the team with the most semifinalist shall be the champion.
4. If total points scored, individual overall winners, and semifinalist are tied, the teams shall be co-champions or co-runner-ups.

MEDIA

(Please read the LHSAA Media Policy found on the LHSAA Website)

MEDIA

Request media credentials online by visiting the Media Credential link on the LHSAA website. You can find the link to the credential application at lhsaa.org -> news& media -> media information -> apply for credentials. All credential request must be submitted by the deadline. Upon credential approval, you will receive an email from Vincent Cacioppo containing information for the event. Please see page 21 of this document for a map of the media entrance for this event. For further assistance, contact Vincent Cacioppo, LHSAA Director of Communications at vcacioppo@lhsaa.org.

Photos taken during an even shall not be sold or used in any capacity outside of the purpose(s) of their school's yearbook and/ or newspaper. The LHSAA has a exclusive photography contract with Geaux Preps.

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CHAMPIONSHIP



HEADQUARTERS



CHAMPIONSHIP APPAREL

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CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOGRAPHS

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SHIPPING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ **SCHOOL FAX:** _____

PRINCIPALS NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____ **FAX:** _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CONTACT PH: _____ **FAX:** _____ **CELL:** _____

Information for **EVENT :** _____ **YEAR:** _____

Replica Trophy **DIVISION/CLASS:** _____

STATE CHAMPION () or STATE RUNNER UP ()

EVENT LOCATION: _____ **QUANTITY:** _____



Information for **MEDAL COLOR:** GOLD () SILVER () BRONZE ()

Medal **QUANTITY:** () _____

Plate Engraving: _____

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