

2024 Preseason Tennis Memo (2/16/24)

Tennis Coaches and Athletic Directors:

The Spring 2024 Season is quickly approaching! Stay informed and watch for updates over the next few weeks on the IGHSAU Tennis Coaches & Administrators page:

<https://ighsau.org/coaches-administrators/tennis/>

Please refer to this link for all updated information for the season that include:

- 2024 Season Manual
- Friend at Court 2024 (USTA Handbook)
- Future Memos and Zoom Links
- All Regular Season and Postseason Guidance/Information
- Final List of Classification

1) Tentative Classification

A list of the 2024 Tennis Tentative Classification is posted on our website. Please review and contact Erin Gerlich at erin@ighsau.org if there are any changes. Final classification will be posted on March 15th.

2) Tennis Rules Meeting

The 2024 tennis rules meeting will be live and available online Monday, February 26th. All IGHSAU rules meetings are hosted through our database at Bound. All coaches should have accounts and access already. If you are new to your program or district, please have your AD create and assign an account for you.

After logging into Bound, you can find the rules meeting in two ways:

- Click on the “Activity” feed on your dashboard and select “2024 Tennis Rules Meeting Open”
- Click on the IGHSAU logo on the left menu, then under Forms select “2024 Tennis Rules Meeting”

Having any Bound issues? Please use the green chat box in the lower right-hand side of your screen to communicate directly with the Varsity Bound staff at: <https://ia.varsitybound.com/>.

Coaches have until Friday, March 29 to view and receive credit for completing this required rules meeting.

3) 2024 IGHSAU Postseason Dates & Locations

A reminder from the offseason tennis update: If you haven't yet looked ahead, please check out the dates assigned to girls tennis for the 2024 postseason. There have been changes from the corresponding Regional dates from previous years, so please make note of this in your preparation!

4) Tennis Host Sites

AD's & Head Coaches, please ensure you have completed the host availability form within Bound if you are able & willing to be a host site for postseason tennis. If you have adequate tennis facilities, we encourage you to be a host.

5) Universal Tennis (UTR)

The **Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union** is requiring all schools to activate their team, add rosters, and report scores on UTR Sports for this Spring season. UTR will be used as a factor for the postseason. UTR High School is free of charge for all IGHSAU schools, coaches, parents, and players.

An Information session will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. CST. This will be recorded and posted on our ighsau.org website for those unable to attend. Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95390555851>

The IGHSAU is requiring all tennis schools to do the following:

Step 1 – [Click this link to activate your team page.](#) IGHSAU teams are available to be claimed on UTR.

Step 2 – Once your school is activated, please enter full current rosters into UTR. All freshman, junior varsity, and varsity players will be on the same team page. Boys and girls teams will be separate.

- If a player is not registered with UTR, they need to create their free player profile. A QR code attached makes it simple and easy to get your players registered on UTR. Have players scan the QR code at the beginning of practice to create their free UTR profile, or have them go to <https://app.utrsports.net/join> to register. Players can also be invited to the team roster via email (details in the packet attached).

There is a High School Coach packet that details everything about getting started with UTR.

If you need further assistance with your UTR team page following the live information session, please [schedule 15 minutes directly with Jonathan Hicks from UTR here.](#) His email is jonathan@universaltennis.com for any UTR questions.

6. Bound Directory

AD's, please ensure you have your school's directory up to date with your tennis coaches' contact information on there. We have a few schools that do not have a coach entered in their Bound directory currently. It is essential to have these email addresses correctly captured, as all future communication through the IGHSAU list serve and Monday Minute correspondence is directly tied to your coach's email address on Bound.