



Ohio High School Athletic Association
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COACHES-GIRLS TENNIS:

Welcome to the 2018 fall tennis season. This is the 43rd year of OHSAA girl's tennis. I hope you have an outstanding season! If you have any questions as it relates to tennis sports regulations, you may contact me or one of the two tennis rules interpreters, Mr. Tim Voegeli or Mr. Mike McGee. Mr. Voegeli can be reached at tim.voegeli@earthlink.net and Mr. McGee's contact information is mmcgee@0225@aol.com. The OHSAA has continued to offer online rules meetings for both boys and girls tennis coaches. These online meetings replace the face to face meetings held in the past. Because no travel is involved in reviewing the online rules meetings, these meetings will be scheduled *each school year*. **At least one member of the coaching staff will be required to view the online tennis meeting in order for your school to receive credit for "attendance."** Your athletic director may also view the rules meeting in order for the school to receive attendance credit. *No OHSAA member school team or individual may enter the OHSAA post season tournament if an appropriate administrator or coach has not received credit for viewing the online rules meeting.* We will notify those schools who have failed to receive credit. Please do not call the OHSAA Executive Director's Office regarding viewing credit. Your athletic administrator can check myOHSAA to determine if credit for viewing has been recorded. We do not record credit on a daily basis. Consult with your athletic director if you have concerns. **The 2018 fall online meeting will include 'discussion' regarding a significant change in the non-interscholastic rule for the sport of tennis.** This information will also be included in the 2018-19 OHSAA Tennis Regulations, as well as the OHSAA Coaches Manual. You can find these regulations, and a link to the Coaches Manual on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org). Check the Tennis Page this summer for updates.

You must have a myOHSAA account, as that is the ONLY way to access the rules meeting. Please see your Athletic Director for access to myOHSAA.

*The online meeting will be available on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** The deadline for viewing the meeting without incurring a financial penalty is Thursday, August 23, at 11:59 p.m. **Please do not attempt to view the online meeting on a cellular device!** More information will be available in the 2018 Girls Tennis Coaches Manual.*

The Coaches Manual for Tennis-Girls will be available on the OHSAA Girl's Tennis Page by Monday, July 16, 2018. Simply go to www.ohsaa.org, highlight the "SPORTS & TOURNAMENTS" link and click on Tennis-Girls. The Rules of Tennis are similar for boys' and girls' tennis. In addition to the sports regulations for tennis, you will find season start and end dates for the 2018 season and subsequent seasons, **updated information as it pertains to the non-interscholastic participation rule**, match limitations, and information about injury timeouts, as well as information about good sporting behavior.

The OHSAA will now permit members of school teams to participate in two non-interscholastic contests/events during the student's school season **IF the student obtains the appropriate pre-approved waiver.** The waiver must be requested by the appropriate school administrator. No waivers will be approved for competition that occurs on or after September 17, 2018. **The non-interscholastic 'date' is still in effect, and students who participate on or after this date, without the proper OHSAA approval, will be denied participation in the OHSAA tennis tournament. More information will be available in the Coaches Manual and provided in the online rules meeting.**

May you have an enjoyable and successful tennis season!

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