

2025 KINGCO 4A Boys Tennis Championships

October 19-23, at Skyline HS / Edgebrook Tennis Club

Tournament Director: Jesse Snyder KINGCO 4A Tennis Commissioner, (425-902-2830)

Skyline High School - 1122 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98075
Edgebrook Tennis Club - 13454 SE Newport Way, Bellevue, WA 98006

KINGCO/WIAA/NFHS Tennis Regulations

All rules in place during the regular season are in place for the KINGCO tournament unless specified otherwise in this document. USTA rules will be used for all rules not defined by the KINGCO or WIAA handbook.

Tournament Seeding Meeting: Wednesday October 14th 7pm Lake Washington HS

Crossover Schedule (Monday / Tuesday October 12/13th)

The winning team will earn 3 entries per bracket into the tournament and the losing team 2

South 3 @. North 1 / North 3 @ South 1 / South 2 @ North 2

The winning team will earn 2 entries per bracket into the tournament, the losing team 1

South 6 @ North 4 / North 6 @ South 4 / South 5 @ North 5

Tournament Schedule: Schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions

- **Monday, October 20th @ Skyline:** **PLAY TO START AT 2:30 pm**
 - 2:00 pm: Check-in and court announcement
 - 2:20 pm: Warm-up begins
 - 2:30 pm: PLAY BEGINS: First-round singles then doubles
- **Tuesday, October 21st @ Skyline:** **PLAY TO START AT 2:30 pm**
 - 2:00 pm: Check-in and court announcement
 - 2:20 pm: Warm-up begins
 - 2:30 pm: Play begins: Second-round singles then doubles
- **Wed/Thurs, October 22/23 @ Skyline:** **PLAY TO START AT 2:30 pm**
 - *These dates will be used only if needed due to weather*
 - 2:30 pm: Play begins

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- **Friday, October 24th @ Edgebrook: Play Begins at 8:00 AM**
 - 3A Semi-Finals and Consolation: Check in @ 7:30 am
 - **4A Semi-Finals and Consolation:** Check in @ 9:00 am
- **Saturday, October 24th @ Edgebrook 9:00 AM**
 - **4A Finals and Consolation:** Check in @ 8:30 am. Play begins at 9AM
 - 3A Finals and Consolation: Check in @ 10:00am.
- **Week of October 27th – November 1st**
 - It is possible that matches will need to be completed during this week because of weather delays. Tournament director will determine sites and times for play as needed

WIAA State Tournament May 21-22: Kamiakin HS and Pacific Campus, Kennewick

Entries to state will not be released until spring. We can anticipate having 3 or 4 entries to state over the next two years.

Sea-King Qualifier Week of May 10-14, 2026 (Location / Schedule TBD)

**Lincoln of Seattle is the only 4A school in the Metro Conference and is entitled to an opportunity to qualify to state through District 2. They play tennis in the spring season and it is not possible to include them in our tournament. There is an agreement in place that Lincoln's #1 singles and #1 doubles team will have the opportunity to qualify by playing our 1st alternate in the week prior to the state tournament. If Lincoln's entries lose that match, they do not advance, and no further matches are necessary. If they beat our 1st alternate, they would then play our lowest state qualifier. The winner of that match will advance to state, and the loser of that match will be the 1st alternate. Entries that finish as alternates must be prepared to play this match in the spring and should be well informed before leaving the tournament.*

Entry into a post-season contest

Please reference the text of WIAA rule 25.2.25 below. Any athlete that does not intend to advance to the State Championship or could potentially have a conflict that would prevent them from entering in that tournament should declare their intent to their coaches prior to the tournament, who will notify the tournament director. This is necessary because of the unique nature of playing an alternate season where the state tournament is held 8 months from the conclusion of our qualifying tournament.

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While WIAA rules allow for an entry to withdraw from an event prior to entering in a District qualifier (our equivalent is the Sea-King play-in round with Lincoln), it places our qualifiers and alternates in a very difficult situation and competitive disadvantage to find this out late in the spring. Coaches are asked to review this rule with their team and disclose any entries that may not advance to the state tournament if they qualify before the tournament begins.

WIAA Rule 25.2.25

By entering participants in postseason competition, each Member School certifies that, barring injury, illness, religious observance or unforeseen events, the team or individuals representing the school will participate in every level of competition through the completion of the State Championship event.

NOTE: An unforeseen event can include, but not be limited to, an individual that qualifies for two spring State Championship events. To meet this rule, the athletic director for that individual's school must contact the WIAA Staff who oversees at least one of the affected sports to withdraw the individual from one of the State Championships by midnight on the Saturday prior to the beginning of the spring State Championships.

25.2.6 Any withdrawal or intentional forfeiture for a reason other than those listed in Rule 25.2.5 shall be considered a violation of WIAA Rules and Regulations and shall be subject to penalties as determined by the WIAA Executive Board.

Tournament Play

- All matches will use the 2/3 set scoring
- All tournament matches will use AD scoring and play a complete 3rd set
- Weather rules scoring will be determined by the tournament manager if necessary
- Format is single elimination up to the semifinals
- 30-minute rest time is guaranteed between matches. Players can mutually agree to start earlier

Check-In/Ready to Play

Check-in times will be provided to athletes in the tournament syllabus with the understanding that the actual match time is variable. Tournament players that do not report to their check-in time can be disqualified. If a player is not present or unable to play, they will be disqualified. Players will only be placed in a match after their check-in time.

Uniforms

Players must wear their school-approved tennis uniform/t-shirt, and all uniforms must comply with WIAA regulations. Players will be asked to change clothes if they fail to comply.

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Weather Policies

Four outdoor courts are available at Edgebrook on Friday and Saturday. If weather permits, matches will be placed on those courts based solely on the order of matches being placed.

Outdoor matches suspended due to weather will resume at the point the match was suspended. A 10-minute warm-up period is permitted for a match that is re-started after suspension.

Warm Up.

All players are guaranteed a maximum 10-minute warm-up time before the start of a match as defined by USTA rules of warm-up time. Players may **mutually** agree to waive the warmup period.

Substitutions

Before the start of play, an unseeded entry may be replaced with an entry from the same school. Likewise, a seeded entry may be replaced, but a coaches' vote would be required to adjust seeding. Once play begins, there is no substitution, only default.

Default

If a player does not show up for a scheduled match for any reason, they will forfeit the match and not be allowed to continue in the tournament. However, if a player is forced to retire from a match due to injury or illness, they can continue if a consolation round is available in the tournament. In both situations, the opposing player will be given a walkover.

Injury

One injury time-out is permitted per injury per match for a maximum of three (3) minutes each once the trainer or coach begins treating the player. A player may suffer more than one injury per match and have a stoppage for each injury. Each injury may be further treated during a changeover to stay within the regular 90-second changeover interval.

When a 3-minute injury time-out has elapsed and a player cannot resume play, the player is retired from the match.

Appeals and Games Committee

Jesse Snyder, Rich Klee, and Kelly Kirk will constitute the games committee and rule on any appeals. As tournament director, Jesse Snyder (4A) will assemble the committee as needed.

Scoring – 4A

Team points will be earned as follows in each event, non-placing entries will earn 2 points per win (note- no scoring for alternate play (G26,27,28))

1st place	11 points
2nd place	10 points
3rd place	9 points
4th place	8 points

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Coaching

While players are on the court, no coaching is permissible by coaches, other adults, or other players; only the recognized school coach (one person only) can coach players on the court. Coaching is permissible during the break between the 1st and 2nd sets (two minutes maximum) and the 2nd and 3rd sets (10 minutes max) and any official suspension of play.

Sportsmanship

The penalty point system will be in effect. 1st violation is a loss of 1 point, 2nd violation is a loss of 1 game, 3rd violation is a match forfeit and disqualification. The only warning for all athletes will be issued at the beginning of play.

All coaches are empowered to enforce a penalty point on any player deemed necessary. In tournament play, a coach may assign a penalty point to their athlete anytime. If a coach thinks that an opposing player should be assessed a penalty point, they should immediately request that play be stopped and confer with that player's coach to reach a consensus. If coaches disagree that a point should be assessed, they will report the concern to the tournament director, who will decide. The tournament director's decision is appealable to a games committee.

Fans and Spectators

Fans and spectators will always be expected to demonstrate sportsmanship. The tournament manager and coaches will be responsible for enforcing these expectations. Therefore, fans must always remain in spectator-designated areas and will not be allowed on the floor of the indoor courts and inside the fence of the outdoor courts.

Fans and spectators are not permitted at the tournament manager's table/tent. Coaches will be the liaison between fans/parents and the tournament manager, and all questions should go through coaches first.

School Responsibilities

Each school must provide 6 unopened cans of match balls for play

Coaches are expected to have players ready to play when their assigned match and court are available

Coaches must assist with spectator supervision of their players, fans, and parents

Line judges are generally not available and line judge requests should be discouraged. A player or team that feels that line calls are being made incorrectly can request a conference with both coaches during a natural break in play when coaching would be permitted and coaches can provide guidance and de-escalate frustrated players as needed.

If after the conference when play is resumed, both coaches involved agree that questionable line calls are having a significant impact on the outcome of the match, those coaches are responsible for identifying two neutral school coaches to serve as line judges for the remainder of the current set in play only. Those coaches requesting line judges will be obligated to serve as line judges should there be another request but cannot judge a match involving their own team.

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Tournament Seeding Instructions

- a. A bracketed tournament will determine the qualifiers for the district or state meet. The tournament will be played only against players of their own classification.
- b. The tournament will be seeded by a committee of all participating coaches prior to the tournament. The number of players to be seeded is determined by the number of entries, the format of the brackets, and should be agreed upon at the pre-season meeting. No fewer than 4 players should be seeded into the bracket. Any non-seeded player will be randomly drawn into the bracket.
- c. Coaches are responsible for maintaining complete records of results for seeding the tournament.
- d. During seeding, coaches will nominate a player or team for a position in the bracket. If no other coaches nominate a player for that seed, it will be granted to the coach who nominated the player. If there are multiple entries vying for the same seed then the following information will be reviewed, prioritized in the order listed, and a majority vote of coaches will resolve the dispute.
 - i. Season Record broken down by line-up position (4-1 at #1 singles, 3-0 at #2 singles)
 - ii. Head-to-head results against other players/teams vying for the same seed.
 - iii. Head-to-head result against common opponents
 - iv. Previous KingCo, District, or State performance
 - v. UTR score of the players contesting for the same seed
- e. Whenever possible brackets should be drawn to prevent a player from seeing an opponent from their own school through the quarterfinal rounds. No accommodation should be made to prevent a same school match up in the semi-finals or beyond.
- f. Once the seeding meeting has ended, no changes to the seeding or brackets are allowed. A non-seeded player/team can be replaced by an entry from their own school if they withdraw after the seeding meeting and prior to the start of the tournament. If a seeded player withdraws from the bracket prior to the start of tournament play all the seeded entries beneath that player will advance one spot and a nomination for the available seed will be accepted. The bracket will be redrawn with minimal change.
- g. A team score will be kept and the winning team will be the Kingco Champion.
- h. Play will be governed by the KingCo handbook unless specified otherwise in the tournament syllabus.
- i. Any regulations for the tournament not specified in the handbook are to be determined by the league tennis commissioners at the advice of the coaches.

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4A Bracket - 24 entry						Winner Kingco #3		
SINGLE ELIM	SINGLE ELIM #2		DBL ELIM		(L) GM 21 GM 24			
					(L) GM 22	Loser 1st Alternate		
					(L) 17			
GM 1	GM 9				GM 26	(W) 26		
					(L) 18	GM 28	Winner 2nd Alternate	
GM 2		GM 17			(L) 19	(W) 27	Loser 3rd Alternate	
	GM 10 #7				GM 27			
			GM 21		(L) 20			
	#6							
GM 3	GM 11							
		GM 18						
GM 4								
	GM 12							
	#3							
	#4							
GM 5	GM 13							
		GM 19						
GM 6	GM 14							
	#5							
			GM 22					
	#2							
GM 7	GM 15							
		GM 20						
GM 8								
	GM 16							
	#1							