

Texas UIL Tennis Rules

1. Point Penalty System

All players are warned prior to the start of the tournament.

1st offense: Point

2nd offense: Game

3rd offense: Default from Match or Tournament

Penalty points are cumulative throughout the tournament.

2. Playoff for Second Place

In tennis district and regional tournaments, the loser in the finals will play the winner of the third place match (to determine second place) unless these two contestants (or doubles teams) played each other in the semifinal round. The tournament director must start the finals and 3rd place matches at the same time.

3. Receiver's Service Box

The receiver's partner shall not stand in the receiver's service box before or during the serve. If a player does so, he shall be warned that if he does so again he is subject to being penalized under the point penalty system.

4. Coaching

The school coach may coach players only during the 90-second changeover at the end of odd games (**there shall be no coaching after the first game of any set**) and during the 10-minute rest period for split sets. Only the school tennis coach may give instruction. The coaches must coach in a manner which does not interfere with play on the adjoining courts. A coach may enter the court as long as she/he is off in time for the serve to begin within 90 seconds.

5. Overrules

The umpire, while they are on any particular court, may overrule any obvious error or call any violation they witness whether an appeal is requested or not.

6. Scoring

The scoring for team tennis (fall) is no-add. The scoring for individual tennis in the district, regional and state is regular scoring (add) with the 12 point tiebreaker in all sets.