

## Colorado High School Tennis Rules

1. All players and coaches are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship as stated by the Colorado High School Activities Association and the United States Tennis Association.
2. Play will be the best of three tie-break sets. There will be a ten-minute warm-up. Normal changeover and set breaks apply, and there is a ten-minute rest period after split sets. New balls are provided for the third set.
3. Play is under the Code, and all USTA tennis rules apply except as noted below.
4. Coaching is only allowed during changeovers (not after the warm-up, not after the first game of each set, and not prior to a tiebreak), and must be kept to 60 seconds (changeovers), and 90 seconds (set-break) in order to be in compliance of the changeover rules. Coaching is allowed within the ten minutes between the second and third sets of split sets. Coaching is not allowed during medical timeouts or during bathroom breaks. Coaches are allowed to come on court during a medical timeout. Coaches should not be on the court to coach unless the court placement is such that it is nearly impossible to coach through the fence. Only designated coaches wearing badges may coach. Officials should assure that the coaches are not interfering with play.
5. During the split set break, officials should do what they can to make sure the players return within the 10 minutes and are ready to play. It is appropriate to inform the players that you are timing the 10-minute rest period.
6. Coaches should assist by notifying the umpire concerning scoring disputes, medical problems, bathroom breaks, equipment problems, etc. Replacing a broken racquet must be expedited and the point penalty system may be applied for delay of game. If requested by a coach, the official should observe play at the net post for two games. Line call overrules can only be made at the net post. However, if in direct observation, code violations and foot faults may be called from outside of the fence. It is preferable to walk onto court to make a code violation call and to enforce the penalty. Foot faults may not be called across or through an intervening court.
7. When necessary, officials should assist coaches in controlling spectator conduct.
8. If a member of the media is on court, make sure they have appropriate credentials and that they are in a position where they will not interrupt play.
9. Code violations and violations after a match may result in the loss of team points.
10. Coaches may appeal official's decisions to the Tournament Appeals Committee.