

Pre-Regional Berth Calculation and Competition Format

Background

In the fall of 2025, as a consequence of the large number of split conferences, with small numbers of schools in a given classification, the NCHSAA is changing its model for assigning berths to its regional tennis tournaments. In the past, berths were distributed to the conferences, but, under the new format, schools will be divided into two pre-regional pools per region, and the berths available (16 in total) will be divided between the two pre-regionals on a proportional basis.

When Are Pre-Regionals Necessary

The regional tournaments are capped at 16 entries. This means that, since each school can enter two singles and two doubles teams, if your regional has eight or fewer tennis-playing schools, you won't have a pre-regional. All entries will proceed directly to the regional tournament.

Pre-regionals are only necessary when the number of tennis-playing schools in your region is nine or higher, as a mechanism for reducing the regional field to sixteen entries.

How to Determine How Many Regional Berths My Pre-Regional Will Receive

The number of berths your pre-regional will receive depends on the number of schools in your pre-regional **that actually field tennis teams** that season, compared to those in the other pre-regional of your region.

The chart below shows how the berths will be assigned.

Regional Berth Calculator								
Teams in My Pre-Regional	Teams in the Other Pre-Regional							
	# of Teams	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	2	8	6	5	5	4	4	3
	3	10	8	7	6	5	5	4
	4	11	9	8	7	6	6	5
	5	11	10	9	8	7	7	6
	6	12	11	10	9	8	7	7
	7	12	11	10	9	9	8	7
	8	13	12	11	10	9	9	8

To use the chart, simply find the row for the number of teams assigned to your pre-regional, and trace across to the column for the number of teams assigned to other pre-regional in your region. The number at the intersection of the row and column will indicate the number of berths assigned to your pre-regional.

For instance, suppose your pre-regional has seven teams, and the other pre-regional has only five teams. In this case, your pre-regional would receive nine berths, and the other pre-regional would receive seven, as shown below.

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How the Pre-Regional Would Be Conducted

Each pre-regional director will hold an online video call on **Saturday, October 4th, at 9:00am** to determine seeding for the pre-regional. All coaches are expected to participate in the video call for their assigned pre-regional, and to have their final entries to the pre-regional ready to share at that time.

The director will lead the group to seed the number of many players (or doubles teams) equal to the number of regional berths assigned to that pre-regional.

The pre-regional will be held on **Monday, October 6th, at 4:00pm**. While the players are warming up, the coaches will draw the unseeded players randomly to play the lowest seeds, with no player required to play a teammate.

These players would play one round against their opponents, using a best two-out-of-three sets format (with the third set played in full), and the winners would advance to the regional tournament.

Higher seeded players, who do not have an opponent at the pre-regional, and would thus receive a bye, would not have to attend the event, and would automatically advance to the regional tournament.

For instance, in the example cited above, your pre-regional would have seven teams, or fourteen entries. Since nine berths are at stake, the coaches would seed the top nine entries. The remaining five entries would then be drawn, randomly, to play against seeds #5 through #9. The top four seeds would receive byes, and would advance directly to the regional tournament.

Regional Tournaments

The regional tournaments will take place on **Friday-Saturday, October 17th-18th**, with sixteen entries in singles and doubles, and with seeding and competition unchanged from the current format.