

HISTORY OF TENNIS IN ALASKA

Tennis became a high school sanctioned sport in Alaska in 1974. At that time only schools from the Anchorage School District played tennis. Soon after schools from Fairbanks, Mat Su Valley, and Juneau added teams. Currently Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6 have teams that qualify for the state tournament.

In the fall of 2006 a meeting of tennis coordinators from around the state was held where the preliminary plans for a state tournament were made. In the spring of 2006 the ASAA Board of Directors approved the first state tournament for Tennis to be held in the fall of 2007.

Since 2007 the state tournament has been held in Anchorage at the Alaska Club during the first two weeks of October. There are five divisions, boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles, and mix doubles. For many years any member school could participate in the tournament. The format has evolved to a single elimination, with consolation eight entry bracket. Schools must qualify through their regions.

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