



2021-22 TENNIS COMMITTEE #180 MINUTES
January 11, 2022 @ 9:30am

Members Present

Jen Aldrich; Allegan (MHSTeCA)
Shane Finney; Bloomfield Hills
Eric Gajar; Ann Arbor
Judy Hehs; Wixom
Tom Huizing; Rockford
Dylan Patterson; Kalamazoo
Mike Roy; Vicksburg (MIAAA)
Sandy Rutledge; St. Clair
Andrew Shipp; Troy
Scott Zerlaut; Grant

Members Absent

Mike Bakker; Fenton
Bill Wahlstrom; Walled Lake

Advisory & MATS

Lorin Cartwright (MATS)
Gary Ellis (Advisory)

MHSAA Staff

Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 11, 2022 utilizing a virtual format. The committee was reminded of its responsibility as well as the process for rule changes. The committee was provided the "Ten Basic Beliefs for Interscholastic Athletics in Michigan". The following items were discussed and debated during the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The group discussed the recent approval from the Representative Council in regard to Competition Limits and Tournament Substitution and Redraw Rule.

The MHSTeCA "Claims Committee" was again recognized and thanked for their usefulness as an advisory group both prior to an issue as well as after an issue has been reported.

TennisReporting.com was discussed, with the committee in full support of its continued use.

Concussion information was provided in regard to the 2020-2021 tennis season and compared with data from the 2019-2020 seasons.

There are currently no known changes for 2022-2023 in regard to USTA Rules.

2022-23 FINALS TOURNAMENT SITES (TENTATIVE)

The MHSTeCA, as well as the Tennis Committee, both support the current system of rotating Final sites for Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. As most facilities were not used for the fall, or might not be used this spring, the assignments will remain unchanged. Tentative assignments for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Division 1 – Hope College
Division 2 – Midland Community Tennis Center
Division 3 – University of Michigan
Division 4 – Kalamazoo College

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The committee reviewed the Regional assignments for spring 2022. The assignments were posted on the MHSAA website following the date that would normally serve as the annual spring tennis coaches' clinic.

STAFF RECCOMENDATIONS

1. Contact Dates Proposal:
The committee discussed the proposed contact dates model. The group was not in support of this proposal. (10-1)
2. Regional and Final Ball Fee:
The committee discussed the possible implementation of a "ball fee" at the Regional and Finals level to help offset costs associated with MHSAA Post season tennis. A specific dollar amount was not determined, but the group was in support of this concept. (11-0)

RECCOMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Additional Seeds at the State Finals for #1 Singles:
At the state final tournament, should there be twenty-one (21) to twenty-three (23) #1 singles players in the draw, up to seven (7) players may be seeded. If there are twenty-four (24) or more, up to eight (8) players may be seeded. (11-0)