



2019-20 TENNIS COMMITTEE #180 MINUTES

January 14, 2020 @ 9:30am

Members Present

Shane Finney; Bloomfield Hills
Eric Gajar; Ann Arbor (MHSTeCA)
Chris Gallagher; Cros-Lex
Lori Hyman; Livonia
Mike Roy; Vicksburg (MIAAA)
Lisa Semerly; Okemos
Lincoln Wirgau; Bloomfield Hills
Scott Zerlaut; Grant

Members Absent

Darin Ferguson; Haslett
Jeff Miner; Brighon
Duy Tran; E. Kentwood

Michigan Athletic Trainers Society

Lorin Cartwright (MATS)

MHSAA Staff

Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 14, 2020 in the John E. "Jack" Roberts Building. 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.

MHSTeCA PROPOSAL NOT ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

The MHSTeCA proposed a "Spring Tennis MHSAA Tournament Schedule", where the Spring Regionals would be played on the Monday and Tuesday before Memorial Day. The committee felt this proposal would create issues with the area seed meetings as they currently exist.

The MHSTeCA also brought forth a proposal in regards to "Individual Competition Limits". After discussion it was apparent that there were many questions that needed to be addressed by the MHSTeCA before the proposal should return to the Tennis Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The committee discussed TennisReporting.com, its uses thus far, as well as continued changes and support provided by the MHSTeCA moving forward.

The group discussed the recent approval from the Classification Committee in regards to adding Boys and Girls tennis to allow co-ops in Section 1(F)1. The group understands that the proposal must go through the Representative Council but will prepare those schools interested as the window for application will be short between potential approval and the application deadline.

The MHSTeCA "Claims Committee" was once 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.

Concussion information was provided in regards to the 2018-2019 boys and girls tennis season.

There are currently no known changes for 2020-2021 in regards to USTA Rules.

2020-21 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. Tentative assignments for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

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

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The committee reviewed the Regional assignments for spring 2020. The assignments will be posted on the MHSAA website following the annual spring tennis coaches' clinic.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Finals Credentials: The Finals manager will distribute wristbands and badges to 3 coaches on the 1st day of the tournament. A different color badge for the 2 allowable coaches will be used on the 2nd day.

Clarification of the Substitution Rule: Omit "After the Regional Lineup Sheet has been received by the Tournament Manager" from Section 11 Tournament and Section H of the Tennis Coaches Manual.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Finals Dates: The Final tournament will be played on Friday and Saturday unless there are conflicts with the host facility, in which case the tournament location with the conflict will be scheduled for Thursday and Friday. (8-0)
2. Tennis MHSAA Regional Schedule: Host schools may schedule Regional tournaments on any day; Wednesday through Saturday during the week of Regionals. Regional tournaments currently take place Thursday through Saturday. (8-0)
3. Regional Flexibility: When the MHSAA determines that the number of Regionals be reduced from eight (8), to 7 or even 6, there will be three (3) automatic qualifiers from each Regional to the Finals with additional qualifiers advancing if they earn 18 points (9 or more schools) or 10 points (8 or fewer schools). (7-1)
4. Allow Regional #1 Doubles Finalists to Qualify for the MHSAA Finals: The #1 Doubles finalists on a non-qualifying team may advance to the MHSAA Finals if their team's #1 Singles player also qualifies. (7-1)