



## 2017-18 TENNIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 16, 2018

### Members Present

Jennifer Andrlich; Allegan  
Marc Bates; Harrison Township  
Casey Cullen; Birmingham  
Jim D'Angelo; Mason  
Gary Ellis; Allegan  
Judy Hehs; Bloomfield Hills  
Matt Pedlow; Chelsea  
Mark Randolph; Ann Arbor  
Peter Riley; Pontiac  
Mike Roy; Vicksburg (MIAAA)  
Mark Sobieralski; Grosse Pointe (MHSTeCA)  
Will Sophiea; Holly  
Garrett Turner; Midland

### Members Absent

Henry Brunnschweiler; Haslett  
Jim Cummins; Battle Creek (Advisory)  
Tiger Teusink; Holland (Advisory)

### MHSAA Staff

Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

## INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 16, 2018 in the MHSAA Office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes, and was provided the "Ten Basic Beliefs For Interscholastic Athletics In Michigan". The following items were discussed and action was taken.

### MHSTeCA PROPOSAL NOT ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

It was proposed that at the #1 Singles flight at the state final tournament, eight players would be seeded. Fewer may be seeded if eight players do not distinguish themselves. The goal was to prevent top players from playing each other in their first match. Among the reasons for limited support were that coaches of the #7 and #8 seed would prefer to be drawn in than placed in a position where they would face the top two seeds early on.

The deadline to substitute a player into the regional or final tournament is at the pre-tournament coaches meeting the first day of the tournament. This system would establish a deadline for substitutions, and allow the tournament director the opportunity to re-seed a flight if the substitution is made for a significant seed. This item was tabled as the committee felt the MHSTeCa may need to consider other aspects and affects that this change would provide. The committee felt this proposal should only be applied to the Finals tournament.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

It was suggested and supported by both the MHSTeCA as well as the Tennis Committee that Regional managers would be required to submit the regional draw and team scoring to the MHSAA after the Regional Event for posting on the MHSAA website.

The MHSTeCA as well as the Tennis Committee both support maintaining the current system of rotating Final sites for Division 2, 3 and 4.

The Tennis committee also supports having the Finals Program placed on the MHSAA website in a timely manner to replace the current printed copy and that the GRADE LEVEL of all players must be included in the program.

The committee reviewed the Representative Council Action as it pertains to tennis and Limited Team Membership as well as the use and implementation of Tennis Reporting.com

Discussed days used for Regionals. Reminded the group that Regionals scheduled for Thursday should be monitored carefully, as weather delays would not allow the competition to begin before school has concluded on the following day.

The group once again discussed the merits of the MHSTeCA claims committee and their usefulness as an advisory group both prior to an issue as well as after an issue has been reported.

The committee was also provided the following: a) A survey in regards to JH/MS participation as it pertains to tennis. b) Finals seed results confirming accuracy of the seed process as gathered by Tiger Tuesink. c) An article pertaining to sportsmanship at the youth tennis level, specifically at USTA youth events.

The committee discussed any USTA Proposed Rules Changes. There are currently no *apparent changes for 2018-2019*.

### **2018-19 FINALS TOURNAMENT SITES (TENTATIVE)**

The MHSTeCA as well as the Tennis Committee are in favor of rotating finals locations between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

Division 1 – Midland Community Tennis Center  
Division 2 – Holland  
Division 3 – Novi  
Division 4 – Kalamazoo College

### **REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

The committee reviewed the Regional assignments for spring 2018. The assignments were approved for posting on the MHSAA Website and subsequently posted prior to the annual spring tennis coaches clinic.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

The MHSTeCA proposed a system identified as an “Honors Qualifier to the Final Tournament”. The regional in which the state champion and/or state runner-up was entered will receive an additional qualifier to the finals the next year in addition to those that qualify under the current system.

NOTE: If the champion and runner-up are from the same regional, that regional would receive two “honor qualifiers”. (8-3-0)

The committee supported clarification in regards to the guidelines used at the State Final Seed Committee. The State Final Seed Committee will have the authority to establish seeding of players up until the draw is made for each flight. (11-0-0)

The committee desires to add information to the MHSAA “Tennis Coaches Manual” as it pertains to medical timeouts (11-0-0)

- *Medical timeouts follow the USTA Regulation for medical timeouts with two exceptions.*
  - a. *The USTA limit on the number of changeovers and set breaks on which a player may be treated does not apply; and*
  - b. *Coach may assist after obvious injury. When an obvious injury occurs, a coach may assist and touch the player until the trainer arrives to diagnose and treat the injury.*

*In addition, every effort should be made to have a trainer available to assist players. Once the trainer starts talking to the player or touches the player, the trainer has a maximum of five minutes for diagnosis and treatment (note the maximum amount of time for treatment is three minutes.) Medical time-outs will not reduce the time a coach has available to coach on changeovers or set breaks.*