

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**East Lansing, January 8, 2013**

**Committee Members**

Larry Brown, Parma  
Matt Brown, Cadillac  
Jeff Cooke, St. Clair  
Jim Cummins, Battle Creek  
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**Staff**

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The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 8, 2013 in the MHSAA Office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes. The following items were discussed.

**PROPOSALS FROM THE MHSTeCA**

Request that Tennis be exempt from the Dead Period.

Request that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players be eliminated from the restrictions of the four-player rule.

Request that eight-team Regionals be created to replace the current Regional system that is in place.

Request that when new evidence of an oversight in ranking of players/teams at an area seed meeting is found, it should be submitted to the chair of the Final Seed Committee for review. The chair should follow up with the MHSAA Assistant Director in charge of tennis to determine if further action is to take place. The information must be received before the start of the Final Seed meeting.

Request that the USTA penalty for time violations on change-overs be adopted (1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning, subsequent offenses – one point for each offense).

Request that tournament officials' authority on line calls be limited where they will act as appeals judges and rule only when there is a request from a player.

**PROPOSALS WITH NO ACTION**

Request consideration for a revision to the MHSAA concussion management procedure.

In MHSAA Regional and Finals tournaments, move the byes to the spots opposite unseeded players; or to the lowest seeded player, in ascending order.

Request for Regional results to be posted in a timely manner on the MHSAA Website and for Regional managers to forward results to the MHSTeCA webmaster for posting on the association website.

Discuss the USTA Recovery Rule (2-hour rest period). The decision was to continue with our current rule of 30 minutes. It has been and will continue to be a practice that the tournament management is told to use good judgment. If heat or humidity is a factor or the length of the previous match is considerable, additional time is given.

### **2013-14 FINALS TOURNAMENT SITES**

Division 1 – Midland Community Tennis Center

Division 2 – Holland

Division 3 – Kalamazoo College

Division 4 – Holly Area

### **REGIONAL ALIGNMENTS**

The committee reviewed the Regional alignments for spring 2013 and made a few changes. The alignments were approved for posting on the MHSAA Website.

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

1. Exempt tennis from the MHSAA summer “Dead Period” provision. (10-0)
2. Exempt 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players from the restrictions of the four-player rule. (9-1)
3. Create 8-team Regionals to replace the current Regional system.  
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