

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**East Lansing, January 15, 2014**

**Committee Members**

Dave Clutts, St Clair  
Jim Cummins, Battle Creek  
Mike Finton, Almont  
Becky Freeman, Clarkston  
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills  
Lori Hyman, Livonia  
Mike McGinnis, Battle Creek

Nikki Norris, Corunna  
Kevin O'Keefe, Holland  
Will Sophiea, Holly  
Tiger Teusink, Advisory  
Art Williams, Kalamazoo

**MHSAA Staff**

Gina Mazzolini

**Members Absent**

Dree Lo, Petoskey  
Duy Tran, Kentwood  
Jim D'Angelo, Mason

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 15, 2014 in the MHSAA Office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes. The following items were discussed.

**PROPOSALS ACCEPTED FROM THE MHSTeCA**

1. Modify the placement of 'byes' (from what the USTA describes).
2. Clarify that after the draw is complete and later on a player withdraws - the remaining player may have a double bye/default (and a redraw is not required).
3. Maintain the 5 minute break in any match that splits sets (whether playing 3<sup>rd</sup> set or a match tiebreak).
4. Change the opt-out due date to the Wednesday the week before the regional tournament (from Friday).
5. Clarify how to use and record information on the player information sheet.
6. Create a score sheet for Tennis, place on our website and recommend both coaches sign after the team match is complete.

**MHSTeCA PROPOSALS WITH NO ACTION**

1. Use 6<sup>th</sup> graders with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders without special permission from the executive committee.
2. Designate the Grand Blanc/Holly site as a permanent Division 2 site.
3. Create 8 team regionals.
4. Charge admission when using indoor courts.

5. Charge schools for use of indoor courts at the final tournament.
6. Modify the “2” coach rule.
7. Allow #1 doubles regional finalist to advance to the final.
8. Allow final seed committee to change a line-up when the ranked order of ability rule is not followed.

### **2014-15 FINALS TOURNAMENT SITES**

Division 1 – Midland Community Tennis Center

Division 2 – Kalamazoo College

Division 3 – Holly Area

Division 4 – Holland

### **REGIONAL ALIGNMENTS**

The committee reviewed the Regional alignments for spring 2014 and made a few changes. The alignments were approved for posting on the MHSAA Website.

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

1. Extend the timeframe that a school may be fined for inaccurate or incomplete entry information. If the final seed committee finds multiple incorrect and inaccurate score and results, the school will be charged the late fee. (11-0)
2. No protest is allowed to the decisions of the seed committee regarding either seeds or placement of seeds at the regional or final level. Once the committee adjourns, there are no appeals, protests or changes of the seeds or placement of the seeds. (11-0)