

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**East Lansing, January 15, 2015**

**Committee Members**

Dave Clutts, St Clair  
Jim Cummins, Battle Creek  
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills  
Tim Johnston, Grand Rapids  
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Vic Michaels, Detroit  
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Pam Porter, Stevensville  
Will Sophiea, Holly  
Tiger Teusink, (Advisory)

**MHSAA Staff**

Gina Mazzolini

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 15, 2015 in the MHSAA Office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes. The following items were discussed and action was taken.

**MHSTeCA PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE**

1. Clarify the statement for seeding with: up to four players/teams may be seeded in each flight and placed accordingly into the draw. So regardless of the numbers of teams participating in the regional, four players/teams may be seeded.
2. Recommend the regional seed committee establish an alternate seed at each flight, to be used if one of the four seeds were to withdraw prior to the start of competition. (In those regions where a third or fourth seed could not be determined, this would not apply.)

**MHSTeCA PROPOSALS NOT ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE**

1. Create 8 team regionals.
2. Give the Final Seed Committee the power to change a line up after the regional tournament and before the Final Tournament when the ranked order of ability rule is not followed.
3. Prohibit a head coach from coaching in the MHSAA tournament if a ranked order adjustment is made to the coach's team after the opt-out date.
4. Modify the number of coaches allowed (or remove the limit on number of coaches).
5. Eliminate the Dead Period for Tennis

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE OUT OF SEASON PROPOSAL**

1. Change the wording from "no more than 3/4 from the "same school district" to no more than 3/4 from the same school.
2. Allow a coach to work with 4 players regardless of the location of the session.
3. There was no support for contact dates.

### **REQUEST TO MHSAA STAFF FOR INTERPRETATION**

1. When a team cannot field a full team (12 players) – what is the procedure?
  - a. Follow the utilization of players list on page 9 of the Tennis Coaches Manual.
2. When both teams at the match cannot field a full team, what is the procedure?
  - a. Each team should maintain its line-up and forfeit any flight where there are no players.
3. When heat and humidity could be a factor – how does a coach adapt the policy for tennis?
  - a. Use the changeovers and breaks stated in the sport of tennis. Follow the model policy or local school policy and if the heat index is 99 degrees or less, optional water breaks are recommended. If it is a competitive match, the host school administrator should monitor and suggest longer breaks and always have plenty of water available.
4. Out of season, during the school year, to how many players may a coach provide coaching?
  - a. If the session is at the school or court where there are only students from that school – there may be 4 students
  - b. If the session is at a community center or indoor facility where there are students from many districts, the coach may only work with 3 students.

### **2015-16 FINALS TOURNAMENT SITES**

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

### **REGIONAL ALIGNMENTS**

The committee reviewed the Regional alignments for spring 2015 and made a few changes. The alignments were approved for posting on the MHSAA Website.

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

There were no recommendations.