

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Tennis Committee Meeting
East Lansing, January 19, 2016

Members Present

David Breithaupt, Mattawan
Jim Cummins, Battle Creek
Shane Finney, Bloomfield Hills
Judy Hehs, Bloomfield Hills
Tim Johnston, Grand Rapids
Ron Landfair, Lansing
Greg Lattig, Mason
Sonya Latz, Ovid-Elsie
Nancy Martin, Portage
Jeff Newingham, Essexville
Jim Niebling, Portland
Pam Porter, Stevensville
Scott Zerlaut, Grant

Members Absent

Maureen Klocke, Yale
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Tiger Teusink, (Advisory)

MHSAA Staff

Gina Mazzolini

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 19, 2016 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. Before each match, players will receive a ten-minute warm-up period. By mutual agreement the players may reduce this time.
2. Support the Upper Peninsula proposal to add a backdraw to their state tournament. (This is to be advanced to the UP Athletic Committee.)
3. Coaches trading badges in violation of rule. The MHSAA Rules of Tennis allow for 2 coaches per team at the regional and final, if additional sites are used, a school can appoint one coach for each additional site – while that site is used. Each coach has a coaches badge that allows them to coach. There appears to be an issue with coaches sharing badges and therefore can create a situation where a school has 4 coaches coaching, when only 2 are legally allowed. (A proposal for the Representative Council was prepared.) Adopt the following MHSAA tournament policies and procedures:
 - a. Remind coaches in the prematch meeting that only two coaches are allowed from any school at any site and that trading badges from additional sites to exceed two is not allowed.
 - b. If the tournament management observes a coach trading badges or that a school has more than two persons with coaches badges, that team loses a point.
 - c. If the tournament manager observes a second occurrence, the head coach loses his/her coaching privileges (may not be present at the site) for the remainder of the tournament.

MHSTeCA PROPOSALS NOT ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

1. For coaches at MHSAA tournaments, names tags will be color-coded based on position (head coach, primary assistant coach, additional assistant coaches).
2. If a non-seeded player, doubles team or school defaults, the opponent advances to the next round and the team receives the point(s) earned for the default win. There will be no change in the draw should a default occur.
3. Following the completion of the regional tournament, managers must submit the drawsheets to the MHSAA for posting on the MHSAA website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Limiting the number of hours for practice.
2. Criteria for a waiver of the 4-player regulation. (Handbook Interpretation #241)
3. Increasing the number of points for an additional qualifying team in a draw of 8.
4. Re-drawing if a seeded player withdraws from the tournament.
5. The definition of a single meet for the limited team membership section. (An event held on not more than three consecutive calendar days is considered a single meet.)
6. During the high school season, allowing tennis players to have 3 non-school meets or contests while not representing his or her school.
7. Declining participation in boys tennis.
8. Majority rule: There was concern with how an athletic player may begin the season out of the lineup but work his/her way into the lineup and then get a top position and there is not a majority of matches played by any player.

2016-17 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 2016 and made a few changes. The alignments were approved for posting on the MHSAA Website.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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