

**TENNIS COMMITTEE MEETING
MHSAA Office – East Lansing
January 13, 2009**

Committee Members:

Michael Bakker, Fenton (MIAAA)
Nancy Brissette, Essexville
Gary Ellis, Allegan
Kathi Frank, Onsted
Wendy Franz, Midland (Advisory)

Tom Hunt, East Lansing
Peter Militzer, Portage
Pete Riley, Pontiac
Peter Ryan, Saginaw
Tiger Teusink, (Advisory)

Members Absent:

Meg Seng, Ann Arbor

Staff:

Gina Mazzolini

INTRODUCTION

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on January 13, 2009, at the MHSAA office. The Committee was reminded of its responsibility and of the process for rule changes.

PROPOSALS BY MHSTeCA

1. Change the *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 10, Article 13 to: "A student shall participate in no more than three matches per day." This eliminates "singles or doubles" from the restriction.
2. Request that tennis be exempt from the summer "dead period" provision of the *MHSAA Handbook*.
3. Adopt the provision (Limited Team Membership) that states: "After the first day of team practices established by the MHSAA, regardless of when a player joins the team, a player is limited to two outside competitions during the team's season."

Acting on the directive from the Executive Committee, the committee reviewed the policy on the limit of coaches during competition.

DISCUSSION/NO ACTION

Discussion items included:

Earlier start date for competition.

Weather related issues at Finals.

Require school administrator to accompany team to Finals.

Line-up/Stacking issues.

Have a parent relations person at each Finals site to work with parents and grandparents.

SUNDAY PLAY

The committee discussed a proposal to allow participation on Sunday for the Regional or Final Tournament, if weather or emergency dictates. The consensus was to approve with the provision that the tournament manager and MHSAA staff would make the determination.

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The staff presented Regional assignments to the committee and after a few adjustments, the committee approved.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Change the *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 10, Article 13 to: "A student shall participate in no more than three matches per day." This eliminates "singles or doubles" from the restriction. (8-0)
2. Exempt tennis from the summer "dead period" provision of the MHSAA. (6-1-1)
3. Adopt the provision (Limited Team Membership) that states: "After the first day of team practices established by the MHSAA, regardless of when a player joins the team, a player is limited to two outside competitions during the team's season. (8-0)
4. The Tennis Coaches Manual to read: "If there are more than two sites being used, the school may appoint an additional person to coach each additional site used." The expectation would be that when the competition returns to one or two sites, it would revert to the maximum of two coaches. (8-0)