



## 2024 MICHIGAN BOYS' D-1 TENNIS FINALS: INFORMATION

OCTOBER 2024

Dear Coaches/Singles Qualifiers:

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2024 MHSAA Boys Tennis Finals! We're excited to host Division 1 Championships in Grand Rapids on October 18-19th. Please review this important information prior to arrival:

- **Site Locations:**

Friday: Singles- Byron Center West Sports Complex| Doubles-South Christian High School Saturday: All Semifinals and Finals: Byron Center West Sports Complex

- **Coaching Credentials:** Head Coaches must register their coaching staff (maximum of 3) by **Tuesday October 15th**. You may submit this information including phone numbers and email addresses on-line by clicking [here](#).

\*\*Friday, 3 coaches are allowed. On Saturday, we revert to the normal 2 coaches maximum. Please make sure that any coach participating in the finals event has completed the necessary MHSAA requirements.

Non-eligible coaching will be penalized:

First offense: Warning

Second offense: Player penalty

Offending spectators will be ejected from the event for the duration of the tournament. During the semifinals and final rounds, all teams will be reduced to (2) active on-site coaches.

- **Officials:** National tournament-level officiating. Foot faults and overrule appeals will be addressed. Players can be penalized for poor line calls, overrule requests, and unsportsmanlike conduct (including default). Players may not use or wear any electronic device (phones / watches) on court or during bathroom breaks with the exception of the rest period between second and third sets. Remember, always be on time! Lateness leads to default; traffic is not an excuse. Players may not leave the court at anytime unless directed by officials.

*Tournament Referee: Darrell Davies*

- **Parents / Spectators/ General Sportsmanship:** Cheer for your team, not against others. No taunting, intimidation, or comments directed at players or officials. Violations will result in ejection. This includes unforced errors and double faults. Do not allow them to cost your player or team a code violation. Comments by spectators directed to an opposing on court player or official about line calls are expulsion level offenses and will not be tolerated.

- **Pets:** Leashed or held only. Clean up after your pet. Not allowed at any indoor venue (includes service dogs).

- **Player Attire:** MHSAA uniform rules apply.

- Point penalty system will be enforced. Regional violations carry over to the State Tournament.
- **Stringing:** A tournament stringer will be on-site at Byron Center all day Friday. Payment by cash/Venmo/or check only.
- **Tournament Coach Packets and Meeting:** Tournament packets with draws and credentials are available at each tournament desk for coaches. Coaches & Player Meeting: 8:15 am at each playing site (mandatory for coaches, recommended for players).

We are looking forward to a great tournament!

Thank You,

Tom Walker Tournament Director  
[twalker136@gmail.com](mailto:twalker136@gmail.com)



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Sport: Tennis - Boys

Division: 1

Days: FRI & SAT

Dates: October 18 & October 19, 2024

Locations: **Byron Center West Sports Complex:** 8654 Homerich Ave SW Byron Center, MI 49315

**South Christian HS:** 7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center, MI 49315

Auxiliary Site: **East Kentwood HS:** 6230 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

(Indoor Back Up): **GR Racquet and Fitness:** 4940 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Tournament Manager: Tom Walker [twalker136@gmail.com](mailto:twalker136@gmail.com) (269-598-8767)

Ball Fee: \$75.00 - Made out to the MHSAA

**Attn: MHSAA/Grand Rapids Final, 1661 Ramblewood Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823**

Warm-up Courts: Outdoor practice courts are available on a first come basis at the playing sites. (4 players per court). Teams must share. Indoor court reservations \$22/hour at Grand Rapids Racquet (3 court max of 1.5 hours per team on Thursday if needed). All indoor court reservations must go through Tom Walker. Teams should bring their own balls and supplies.

Match Play Format: Quarterfinal matches onward are the first to two sets with a full third set if required. Tiebreakers played within each set are "Coman Tiebreaks". There is a two-minute rest period between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sets. Players may not leave the court during this break and may only speak with a official coach. If players split sets, players may leave the court during the 5-minute rest period and speak to anyone they wish. **\*New this year:** Early round matches are not full third sets, instead a match tiebreak to 10 will be played in lieu of the third set. The standard rest and coaching rules between the second set and the tiebreak still applies.

Coaching: Match coaching is permitted by credentialed staff only\*and may only take place during allowed time on changeovers. Coaching must not interrupt or slow play. Coaches are not permitted on court unless invited by an official because of injury. Only coaches are permitted to watch in the "coaching lanes" behind the players; but must remain 3 feet off the fence except during changeovers. \*(Exception: during 5-minute off court break between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sets)

Cell Phones / Tech Watches/Headphones: Electronic devices that transmit or receive communication data (including but not limited to phones, watches, and headphones) must be switched off and may not be worn while the players on court. Players are not permitted to take any of these devices with them during bathroom breaks. Such devices are permitted off the court between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sets.

Spectator Viewing: Fans and guests may cheer but are not allowed to communicate or coach players. Accordingly, they are not permitted to linger, and view matches in coaching lanes behind the courts. Everyone must always remain (3) feet back from court fences.

Trainers: Trainers will be available at Byron Center and South Christian. If you bring your own trainer, please notify the tournament and site director.

Racquet Stringing: Stringing is available at Byron Center site. Payment by cash/Venmo/or check only.

Indoor Information: If play goes inside, no team coolers are allowed inside the facility. GRRF as a strict no dog policy. Sorry, no service dog exceptions.

**FRIDAY, Oct 18 (DAY 1)**

Site 1: **Byron Center West Sports Complex (#1- #4 singles) 12 courts**

Site 2: **South Christian HS (#1-#4 doubles) 12 courts**

**\* (GR Racquet and Fitness is a rain backup site)**

7:00 am – Warm-up (courts open for warm-up)

8:30 am – Round 1 (Starts with the highest flight rat tails)

Round 2 matches follow immediately after 1st round matches are on court - Minimum rest time 30 min.

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**SATURDAY, 10-19 (DAY 2)**

All Semifinals & Finals: **Byron Center West Sports Complex (12 courts)**

**\*Original sites and rain backup may be used based upon weather.**

**Schedule** - 7:00 am – Warm-up (courts open for warm-up) 8:30 am – Semifinals, Finals to follow – Minimum rest time 30 min.

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**Tournament Site Details**

Site MGR: Elijah Schilthuis

**Main Site:** Byron Center West Sports Complex (Oct 18 & Oct 19) 12 Courts

8654 Homerich Ave SW Byron Center, MI 49315

Flights:

Day #1: **1-4 Singles Flights**

Day #2: **All Flights**

Parking: There is plenty of parking available in the center’s main parking lot. All school buses must park in the far west side of the lot.

Restrooms: Multiple bathrooms available.

Location Practice Info: Courts available to walk-on.

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**2nd Site:**

Site MGR: Duy Tran

**South Christian High School: (Oct 18) 12 Courts**

**7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center, MI 49315**

Flights:

Day #1: **(1-4 Doubles flights)**

Parking: Please Park appropriately.

Restrooms: Multiple bathrooms available on site.

Parking: Please Park appropriately.

Location Practice Info: Courts available to walk-on.

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**Indoor Backup: Gr Racquet and Fitness**

**4940 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525**

Phone 616-363-7769

8 Indoor Courts. Live Match Streaming

## **MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP – HOTEL ACCOMMODATION GUIDE**

1. HYATT PLACE GRAND RAPIDS WYOMING, MI \$119.00

Booking link coming soon

2. Candlewood Suites GR Airport \$124

[Booking link](#)

(616) 940-8100

5401 28th St Ct SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

3. Clarion Suites \$104

[Booking link](#)

(616) 956-9304

4981 28th St SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49512

4. Holiday Inn Express & Suites Grand Rapids—Airport North \$134

[Booking Link](#)

(616) 265-3333

5405 28th St Ct SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

5. Holiday Inn Express & Suites; Suites Grand Rapids Airport –South \$124

[Booking link](#)

(616) 512-8222

4888 Town Center Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49512

6. Home2 Suites by Hilton-1 King bed and a sofa sleeper for a rate of \$124 on Thursday and \$129 on Friday

[Booking Link](#)

616-577-8700

2288 64th St. SW

Byron Center, MI 49315