



2024 MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS FINALS: INFORMATION

Dear Coaches/ Qualifiers:

Congratulations on advancing to the 2024 MHSAA LP Girls Tennis Finals. Grand Rapids is excited to host the Girls State Division II Tennis Championships. The following is basic information that all coaches should review prior to arriving. The 3rd and 4th page may be shared with players and parents to familiarize them with state tournament rules and procedures.

- **(3) Outdoor Site Locations:**

Friday: {Byron Center West Sports Complex, South Christian HS & Grandville HS if required}*

Saturday: Semifinals and Finals: All flights will be played at Byron Center West Sports Complex.

- **Seeding:** Area seeding meeting is to be announced following your regionals.

- **Coaching Credentials:**

Head Coaches must E-mail the director Tom Walker (twalker136@gmail.com) with names, email addresses and cell numbers of your appointed coaches for the championships by Tuesday May 28th. It is your responsibility to have them complete any required MHSAA requirements. Full teams are permitted up to (3) coaching credentials if a third site is used. Partial squads are permitted (1) per location they play. Please indicate who the head coach. Only badged staff will be permitted to coach during a match and only 1 coach at a time. Offenders of this policy will be warned with players being penalized upon a second offense. Offending spectators will be ejected from the event; not to return for the duration of the tournament. During the semifinals and final rounds, all teams are reduced to (2) active on-site coaches.

- **Officials:**

Participants should be prepared for a tournament standard of officiating. Foot-faults and overrule appeals will be made by officials. Players who make egregious line calls or those with numerous overrules are subject to "code of conduct" penalties including default under the unsportsmanlike conduct provision. Players may not leave the court at anytime unless directed by officials. Players must be on time and subject to default for lateness. Traffic or other foreseeable consequences are not excusable.

- **Parents / Spectators/ General Sportsmanship:**

Enthusiasm and excitement are welcome and encouraged. However, taunting and intimidation by fans is not. Coaches and players are responsible for their supporters. Please remind them they should cheer for their teams but may not cheer against anyone. 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**

We don't dislike pets; but bringing "Rover" may not be a great idea. Pets on site must be held or leashed. Owners are also responsible for clean up to avoid leaving droppings for school ground crews. Pets are not allowed at any inside venues. This includes service dogs.

- **Hotels**

A list of hotels with special rates is on the last page of this information sheet

- **Player Attire**

MHSAA rules regarding team uniforms will be enforced throughout the tournament.

- **Point penalty system** will be enforced. Keep in mind that code violations from your Regional Tournament do carry over into the State Tournament.

- **Tournament Coach Packets:**

Coaches of teams/individual qualifiers will be notified where to pick up final tournament packets.

Thank You,

Tom Walker
Tournament Director
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Sport: Tennis - Girls Division: 2
Days: FRI & SAT Dates: May 31 & June 1, 2024

Locations: **Main Site: Byron Center West Sports Complex 8654 Homerich Ave SW Byron Center, MI**
Site B: South Christian HS 7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center, MI
Auxiliary Site *(If needed) Grandville HS 4700 Canal Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418
(Indoor Back Up): GR Racquet and Fitness 4940 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Event Director: **Tournament Director: Tom Walker twalker136@gmail.com (269-598-8767)**

Ball Fee: **Made out to the MHSAA**
Attn: MHSAA/Byron Center Final, 1661 Ramblewood Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823

Warm-up Courts: Outdoor practice courts are available on a first come basis at all three playing sites. (4 players per court). Teams must share. Indoor court reservations \$22/hour at Grand Rapids Racquet. Teams should plan to bring their own balls and supplies.

Match Play Format: All matches are best two out of three sets with a full third set. Tiebreakers played within each set are "Coman Tiebreaks". There is a two-minute rest period between 1st and 2nd sets. Players cannot leave the court during this break. They may only speak with their official coach. If players split sets, players may then leave the court during the 5-minute rest period and speak to anyone they desire.

Coaching: Match coaching is permitted by credentialed staff only*and may only take place during allowed time on changeovers. Coaching may not interrupt or slow play. Coaches are not allowed on court unless invited by an official because of injury. Coaches only 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 2nd and 3rd sets)

Cell Phones / Tech Watches/Headphones: Electronic devices that transmit or receive any communication data including phones, watches, and headphones must be switched off and not worn anytime the player is on court. Players are not permitted to take any of these devices with them during bathroom breaks. Such devices are allowed off court between the 2nd and 3rd 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 are planned for the Byron Center site. South Christian will have ice and basic first aid. 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, team coolers are allowed inside the facility. GRRF has a strict no-dog policy. Sorry, no service dog exceptions.

Proposed Site List & Schedule

DII Tennis State Championships

* (Use of a 3rd site could alter this schedule should more teams qualify than anticipated)

FRIDAY, May 31 (DAY 1)

Sites:

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

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

Site 3: **Grandville HS (if needed) 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.

SATURDAY, June 1 (DAY 2)

Sites:

Semifinal & Final Site: **Byron Center West Sports Complex (12 courts)**

*All 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.

Main Site:

Byron Center West Sports Complex (May 31 & June 1) 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.

Site B: South Christian HS (May 31 & June 1)

Site MGR : **Duy Tran**

7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center, MI 49315

Flights:

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

Day #2 Site held in reserve in case of rain

Parking: Please Park appropriately.

Restrooms: Multiple Bathrooms available.

Practice Info: Courts available to walk-on.