



2025 MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS FINALS: INFORMATION

May 2025

Dear Coaches:

Congratulations on advancing to the 2025 MHSAA LP Girl's Tennis Finals. Here is a list of things you will need to know prior to arriving for this year's event:

- We will be using two sites: Byron Center West Sports Complex and South Christian High School
- Saturday: All Semifinals and Finals - Byron Center West Sports Complex.
- **Coaching Credentials and Friday Practice courts:** Head Coaches must register their coaching staff (maximum of 3) by Tuesday, May 26th. This information is submitted online and must include phone numbers and email addresses online. After this is received the Coach will be permitted to sign-up for onsite practice courts for Thursday: [click here](#).

Reminder: Only badged individuals may coach during matches (only one at a time). Teams are permitted: (2) coaches per site and a maximum of (3) total. Partial teams receive (1) badge per playing location. During the semifinals and final rounds, all teams will be reduced to (2) active on-site coaches. Please make sure that any coach that will be utilized has completed the necessary MHSAA rules meeting.

Non-eligible coaching will be penalized as:

1. First offense - Warning
 2. Second offense - Player penalty/offender ejection
 3. Offending spectators will be ejected from the event for the duration of the tournament.
- **Hotels:** A list of hotels with special rates is available by [clicking here](#):
 - **Seeding:** Information regarding the area seeding meeting will be announced after regionals.
 - **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 devices (phones / watches) on court or during bathroom breaks, except for the rest period between the second and third sets.
 - Players may not leave the court at any time unless directed by officials.
 - **Parents / Spectators / General Sportsmanship:** Please cheer for your team, but 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. Be proactive and good role models. Do not allow your fans to cost your team a code violation. Comments by spectators, directed at opposing players or officials regarding line calls, are expulsion level offenses and will not be tolerated.
 - **Pets:** Not allowed. No pets are permitted at any indoor venue.

- Play will begin on Friday, May 30 at Byron Center West Sport Complex and South Christian HS at 8:30 am. Saturday matches will start at 8:30 am. Semifinals and Finals will be at Byron Center West Sports Complex.
- MHSAA rules regarding team uniforms will be enforced throughout the tournament.
- Point penalty system will be enforced. Keep in mind that code violations from the Regional Tournament carry over into 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 Coaches Packets and Meeting: Tournament packets and credentials are available at the tournament desks for all coaches.
- Coaches & Player Meeting: 8:15 am each day at playing sites (mandatory for coaches, recommended for players).

I will have more information and updates throughout the coming days. Continue to monitor your email so important information can be shared with players and parents.

Sincerely,

Tom Walker
Tournament Manager
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2025 MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

Sport: Tennis – Girls Division: 1
Days: Fri. & Sat. Dates: May 30-31
Locations: *Byron Center West Sports Complex - 8654 Homerich Ave. SW, Byron Center
*South Christian HS - 7979 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Byron Center
*Auxiliary Site: East Kentwood HS - 6230 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Kentwood
*(Indoor Site): GR Racquet and Fitness - 4940 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids
Manager: Tom Walker: twalker136@gmail.com, (269-598-8767)
Ball Fee: Made out to MHSAA
Attn: MHSAA/Grand Rapids Final; 1661 Ramblewood Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823

Warm-up Courts: Thursday practice courts onsite must be reserved with the tournament director in advance. Friday and Saturday courts are available on a first-come basis at both playing locations. (4 players per court and only participating players). Teams must share. Indoor court reservations of \$24/hour at Grand Rapids Racquet (3 court max, 1.5 hours per team, Thursday if needed). All indoor court reservations must go through the Tournament Manager, Tom Walker.

All rounds prior to the quarterfinals 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 will still apply.

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 the 1st and 2nd sets. Players may not leave the court during this break unescorted and may only speak with their official coach. If players split sets, players may leave the court during the 5-minute rest period and speak to anyone they wish

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 directed by an official. Only coaches are permitted to be 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 communication data (including but not limited to phones, watches, and headphones) must be switched off and may not be worn while the players are 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 2nd and 3rd sets.

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

Trainers: Trainers & AED:

- Each site will have an AED available during the event while the competition is taking place.
- An AED will be within site of the venue and accessible at all times.
- **If the location of the AED is not discussed at the coaches meeting, coaches will ask for the location.**
- A trainer or certified medical professional will be available the main location during the event.
- If you feel that your team needs constant care of attention during the event, schools are encouraged to bring their own certified athletic trainer (ATC) or medical professional to cover their specific needs. Please inform the tournament manager if you are bringing a trainer or certified medical profession, and supply their name, contact information and credentials.

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 not allowed inside the facility. Also, GRRF has a strict no pet policy.

FRIDAY, May 30th (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 of 30 min.

SATURDAY, May 31st (DAY 2)

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

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

7:00 am – Warm-up (courts open for warm-up) 8:30 am – Semifinals

Finals to follow – Minimum rest time of 30 min.

Tournament Site Details

Main Site: Byron Center West Sports Complex (May 30th & 31st) - 12 courts

8654 Homerich Ave. SW Byron Center, MI 49315

Flights:

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

Day #2 - **All Flights**

Site MGR: Elijah Schilthuis

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.

2nd Site: South Christian High School (May 30th) – 12 Courts

7979 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Byron Center, MI 49315

Flights:

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

Site MGR: Duy Tran

Parking: Please park appropriately.

Restrooms: Multiple bathrooms available.

Location Practice Info: Courts available to walk-on.

Indoor Backup: GR Racquet and Fitness - 8 Courts

4940 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Phone: 616-363-7769

Live Match streaming