

# MINUTES OF THE 2012-13 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 1, 2012

The IHSA Boys/Girls Tennis Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Wednesday, November 1, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Division 1 – Marty Grogan, Boys Coach, Chicago (Brother Rice); Division 2 - Matthew Castle, Athletic Director, Highland Park, Division 3 – Ryan Pitcock, Principal, attending via conference call, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); Division 4 – Rob Beck, Boys Coach, Streator (Twp.); Division 5 – Angela Woods, Girls Coach, Effingham (H.S.); Division 6 – William Toel, Boys Coach, Pekin; and Division 7 - Patricia Bramlet, Girls Coach, Mt. Carmel. Also in attendance were Boys State Tennis Tournament Manager Matt Norris, Arlington Heights (Hersey); Girls State Tournament Manager Kevin Schrammel, Buffalo Grove; IHSTCA Representative Fred Galuzzo, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest); and Assistant Executive Director Susan Knoblauch.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1. Recommendation: Article VIII-A-2-c- State Final Tournament Scoring

Alternate scoring methods may be used at the discretion of the ~~state final manager~~ **IHSA Administrator** if circumstances would not permit the tournament to be completed.

**Rationale:** To give the state final managers/**IHSA Administrators** options in the case of daylight & weather problems, the ~~state final manager~~ **IHSA Administrator** shall have the authority to modify scoring methods used to expedite the matches **in the back draw only**. Examples could include but not be limited to: no-ad scoring, 8 game pro-set, 10 point tie break for a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, or a shortened 3<sup>rd</sup> set. This was piloted this year at the girls state final and was received well by tournament management and coaches.

Approved as edited

### 2. Recommendation: Article VI-B-1-b- State Final Time Schedule

All singles and doubles entries shall participate in the first round of competition beginning Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

**Rationale:** To allow more flexibility in scheduling for the tournament state final managers. This earlier time allowance can assist in handling weather and daylight issues. This was piloted this year at the girls state final and was received well by tournament management and coaches.

Approved

## **ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. Matt Norris presented an overview of the 2012 Boys State Final.
2. Kevin Schrammel presented an overview of the 2012 Girls State Final.
3. Discussed use of USTA officials at the state tournaments: roving officials, line judges, appealing calls.
4. Reviewed a proposal to have all schools w/l records available online. Discussed making the records available to all of the schools in the sectional on the day of the seeding meeting rather than just the sectional manager.
5. Discussed adjusting the List of Participants to indicate doubles records together.
6. Discussed making the sectional tournament managers complete an interactive sectional bracket that would be available for view online and submitted to the state final managers for seeding.
7. Supported changing the time on the Request for Earlier Starting Time Form to allow matches to begin as early as 11:00 a.m.
8. Discussed adding in the state final program that the coaches need to check the IHSA website for the latest state final updates.
9. Supported listing the seeding committee in the Manual for Schools and Rules Video. Discussed the process for being selected to serve on the seeding committee.
10. Discussed the use of strength of schedule for seeding purposes.
11. Discussed Wilson tennis balls and upcoming contract.
12. Discussed implementing plans for the utilization of indoor courts in the case of rain.
13. Earlier start times were discussed for both the sectional and state finals.
14. Reviewed the online process to check to see if a coach has completed the ASEP certification.
15. Discussed team formats.
16. Discussed seeding criteria and if there should be a prescribed order of importance.
17. Discussed that Sectional Managers should put notices online in the winners report if play has been suspended or moved and when play is set to be rescheduled.

18. Warm up time was reviewed.

19. Ryan Pitcock from Flossmoor (Homewood-F.) and Patricia Bramlet from Mt. Carmel were recognized for their service as the Division 3 and Division 7 representatives to the IHSA tennis advisory committee.