

MINUTES OF THE 2015-16 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 4, 2015 and Reconvened February 25, 2016

The IHSA Boys/Girls Tennis Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Division 1 – Carl Abram, Boys/Girls Coach, Chicago (Whitney Young), Division 2 - Tina Woolard, Athletic Director, Grayslake (North); Division 3 – Raeann Huhn, Principal, Wheaton (St. Francis); Division 4 – Connie Cassidy, Girls Coach, Peoria (Richwoods); Division 5 – Kaye Kimpling, Boys/Girls Coach, Teutopolis; Division 6 – Mike Terry, Boys/Girls Coach, Quincy (Sr.); and Division 7 – David Lipe, Boys/Girls Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.). Also in attendance were Boys State Tennis Tournament Manager Matt Norris, Arlington Heights (Hersey); Girls State Tournament Manager Kevin Schrammel, Buffalo Grove; IHSTCA Representative Kelly Willard, Metamora; and Assistant Executive Director Shaunda Brown. The meeting was adjourned and was reconvened on February 25, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Committee Members present at the February 25th meeting were: Division 1 – Carl Abram, Boys/Girls Coach, Chicago (Whitney Young); Division 2 - Tina Woolard, Athletic Director, Grayslake (North); Division 3 – Raeann Huhn, Principal, Wheaton (St. Francis); and Division 4 – Connie Cassidy, Girls Coach, Peoria (Richwoods). Also in attendance were Boys State Tennis Tournament Manager Matt Norris, Arlington Heights (Hersey); Girls State Tournament Manager Kevin Schrammel, Buffalo Grove; IHSTCA Representative Kelly Willard, Metamora; and Assistant Executive Director Shaunda Brown. Those members not attendance included Division 5 – Kaye Kimpling, Boys/Girls Coach, Teutopolis; Division 6 – Mike Terry, Boys/Girls Coach, Quincy (Sr.); and Division 7 – David Lipe, Boys/Girls Coach, Edwardsville (H.S.)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS from the 11/4/15 Meeting

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

All singles and doubles entries shall participate in the first round of competition beginning at 9:00 a.m. Discretion is given to tournament the director to begin early if necessary.

Rationale:

This will allow for safe drop off and supervision of athletes at sites. This will decrease issues with tardiness due to traffic.

Approved by Consent

2. Recommendation: Article VI.C. State Final Packets

At the State final tournament, school packets, which include important State Final information, updates, State Final passes and programs may be picked up Wednesday, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m and after 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

Rationale:

Allowing for an early pick up time allows schools to pick up packets during times that are more convenient for teams.

Approved by Consent

3. Recommendation VIII.D.5. Time Allotments

VIII.D.5 will become VIII.D.5.a and add this item as VIII.D.5b “In all 10 point match tie breakers, an on court break not to exceed (3) three minutes shall be permitted.7/0/0

Rationale:

Clarifies the time allowed for breaks during the 10 point match tie breakers. Aligns with USTA rules.

Approved by Consent

4. Recommendation VIII.D.6. Time Allotment

Players receive a one-time injury time out not to exceed 15 minutes per injury; the time begins when the trainer or the coach (if no trainer is available), arrives on the court to begin assessing or treating the player.

Rationale:

Clarifies the time that a player may take for an injury time-out.

Approved by Consent

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS from the 2/25/16 Meeting

1. Recommendation: Article I. School Classification

Competition in the IHSA Tennis Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

A. The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30, of the preceding school year. Non-boundary schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

B. For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high schools, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

1. For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.

2. For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

3. For three-year high schools, one third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the total student enrollment figure reported.

4. For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

C. Schools participating in tennis operating under the two-class system shall be classified as follows:

1. Schools with enrollments of X,XXX and below will be Class A.

2. Schools with enrollments X,XXX and above will be Class AA.

3. Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Rationale: The new 2-Class tournament format calls for further explanation of classifications as related to tennis.

Approved

2. Recommendation: Article II. Dates

A. Sectional Tournaments: Class A and AA sectional tournaments will be held on (Saturday, October 15 or Saturday, May 21) at various locations around the state. There will be 16 sites for Class A and 16 Sites for Class AA. In order to complete the tournament on Saturday, the local manager may, at his/her discretion if the number of entries warrant, elect to begin tournament play on Friday afternoon (after school hours). If the local manager wishes to begin the competition on Friday before 4:00 p.m., written consent of the Principal from each participating school is required. Sectional managers will send to the principals from participating schools the IHSA Tennis Request for Earlier Starting Time Form for their approval. This document is downloadable in the Forms section of the Tennis Manual for Managers.

Rationale: Clarification for dates due to the new 2-class structure.

Approved

3. Recommendation: Article V.C.2 State Final Seeding

The Committee shall prepare a list of no more than 16 seeded singles players and doubles teams based on information submitted on-line by coaches prior to the sectional seeding meetings and received by the IHSA Office. A draw of 64 will be used for both singles and doubles play. United States Tennis Association rules shall be followed in assigning seeded entries in the proper positions in the brackets, except that effort shall be made to place winners and runners-up from the same Sectional and players from the same school in opposite halves of the bracket. This may not always hold true for third and fourth place Sectional qualifiers.

Rationale: Due to the number of qualifiers in each division changing, the number of seeded players should correlate.

Approved

4. Recommendation: Article VI.B.1.a State Final Time Schedule

a. On Thursday, (October 22 or May 26), the 1st and 2nd championship rounds and the 1st and 2nd rounds of the consolation feed-in will be played. On Friday, (October 23 or May 27), the 3rd and quarterfinal championship rounds and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds of the consolation feed-in will be played. On Saturday, (October 24 or May 28), the semifinal and final championship rounds and the quarter, semi and final consolation feed-in rounds will be played.

Rationale: This format will limit athletes' maximum number of matches to three in any given day.

Approved

5. Recommendation: Article VI.B.1.b State Final Time Schedule

b. All singles and doubles entries shall participate in the first round of competition beginning Thursday, (October 22 or May 26), at 9:00 a.m.

Rationale: This will allow for safe drop off and supervision of athletes at sites. This will decrease issues with tardiness due to traffic.

Approved

6. Recommendation: Article VIII.G. Games Committee

The State Final Manager shall determine the Games Committee for the State Final Tournament. The Games Committee shall have discretionary authority to line judge when necessary and to assign point penalties and/or eject players for unsportsmanlike conduct in accordance with the Tennis Code of Conduct. These member's names will be published in the state final program.

Rationale: There are times that there is a need for a line judge for matches. Adding this as a possible duty helps clarify their role.

Approved

7. Recommendation: Article IX.A. Tournament Policies

Delete IX. A "At the State Final, school packets, which include state final passes, may be picked up Wednesday, May 25, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Hersey High School and after 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, May 26, at Tournament Central located at Hersey High School."

Rationale: It addressed in other areas of the terms and conditions and therefore repetitive.

Approved

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Reviewed the 2014 Tennis Minutes.
2. Kevin Schrammel presented an overview of the 2015 Girls State Final.
3. Matt Norris presented an overview of the 2015 Boys State Final.
4. Discussed the implementation of two classes of tennis.
A phone conference was held on January 7, 2016 for further discussion regarding additional suggestions for the two class tennis format as a result of feedback from the membership at the Town Meetings. There were 6 out of 8 advisory members (Divisions 6 and 7 were not represented) on the call, as well as our two state final managers and a representative from the coaches association. The consensus from the advisory board members was as follows:
 - The association should proceed with a 64/64 two class system.
 - Before making changes to accommodate large schools, we will evaluate the results of the split after year one.
 - The two state final managers did not think that it was feasible to run a two-class 96/96 split tournament at the same time in the same general location.
 - The state final managers were in favor of 64/64 split and felt they could manage the tournament with ease.
 - With the exception of the coaches' association representative, all parties on the conference call were in favor of the 64/64 split with the possibility of re-evaluating after year one, once we see what, if any, impact it makes on those schools that historically advanced several athletes.

5. Discussed changing the time between matches from at least 20 minutes between matches to at least 30 minutes between matches. The discussion was tabled. The State Final Tournament Directors will speak with site directors to ensure they understand the procedure and will stress that 30 minutes should be allowed when weather and other circumstances permit.
6. Discussed how waivers and the success factor would impact schools as we will now have two classes of tennis.
7. The next Tennis Advisory Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 3, 2016.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Discussed utilizing of USTA officials in the opening rounds of play at the state tournaments. The committee recommended use of the games committee for needs during the opening rounds of play.
2. Discussed the need for two seeding committees, one for each class. It was recommended that one state final manager run each seed meeting as these meetings are simultaneous conducted at the IHSA office after the Sectional Tournaments.

Approved

3. Recommended a spread sheet be available to coaches at the beginning of the season to input match data, which can later be uploaded or imported to the IHSA Schools Center as part of the list of participants' information.
4. Recommended updating the Manuals for Managers and Schools to reflect changes in the Terms and Conditions.