

**MINUTES OF THE 2016-17 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
November 2, 2016**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Tennis Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Division 1 – Carl Abram, Boys/Girls Coach, Chicago (Whitney Young); Division 3 – Greg Postweiler, Boys/Girls Coach, Tinley Park (H.S.); Division 4 – Connie Cassidy, Girls Coach, Peoria (Richwoods); Division 5 – Kaye Kimpling, Boys/Girls Coach, Teutopolis; Division 6 – Mark McDowell, Principal Quincy (Notre Dame); and Division 7 – Mike Butler, Boys/Girls Coach, Carbondale (H.S.). Also in attendance were Boys State Tennis Tournament Manager Matt Norris, Arlington Heights (Hersey); Girls State Tournament Manager Kevin Schrammel, Buffalo Grove (H.S.); IHSTCA Representative Kelly Willard, Metamora; and Assistant Executive Director Susie Knoblauch. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendation: Article V.B.2. Sectional Seeding Meeting

Non attendance at this meeting by a coach may result in a letter being sent to the school's official IHSA representative.

Rationale: Attendance of a coach (head or assistant) or school representative at the sectional seed meeting is essential to secure relevant and accurate seed information. A follow up letter for nonattendance may ensure that the school's administration is aware that their coach is not in compliance with the terms and conditions and future corrective measures need to be taken.

Approved by Consent

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

State Final time schedules/rounds may be altered by tournament management pending weather issues.

Rationale: Tournament management needs to have the flexibility to adjust the number of matches played in a day in light of pending weather issues that may occur.

Approved by Consent

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Reviewed the 2015 Tennis Advisory Committee Minutes.
2. Kevin Schrammel reviewed the 2016 Girls Tennis State Final.
3. Matt Norris reviewed the 2015-16 Boys Tennis State Final.
4. Susie Knoblauch reviewed the IHSA website and IHSA Policy 18 Grouping and Seeding the State Series.
5. Reviewed the Terms and Conditions and Manuals for Schools and Managers.
6. Reviewed the Request to Play Up Form and the IHSA Success Factor.
7. Knoblauch discussed the online list of participants' process and adding an option to not allow entries to be submitted electronically unless a coach completes the report.
8. Knoblauch will investigate looking at ways to improve technology in entering the list of participants (drop down options) and completing interactive online brackets for sectional level competition.
9. Committee discussed the State Final seeding process.

10. Susie Knoblauch will add in the information sent out to sectional qualifiers that any state final seed information can be forwarded on to state seed committee representatives.
11. Suggested adding an overview of the use of tournament balls at sectionals.
12. Discussed a review of the sectional draw sheets – Best practices included making sure there is a bye card for individual entries and acknowledging the success of a sectional that draws line numbers instead of players names for the draw and making sure team members are on opposite sides of the bracket.
13. Discussed and reviewed the implementation of two classes of tennis.
14. Discussed tournament expansion – advancing 6 from sectionals.
15. Reviewed the feasibility of running a two-class 64/96 split tournament at the same time in the same general location.
16. Examined playing a back draw at Sectionals.
17. Considered seeding 6-8 at Sectionals.
18. Reviewed playing the best 2 out of 3 sets with a super tie break in the 3rd. set at Sectionals.
19. Discussed the use of the USTA Officials during the State Series.
20. Recommended having IHSA logo tennis balls as a souvenir.
21. Discussed the price points of the State Final Merchandise.
22. Examined a draft of a proposal from the U of I requesting to host 1A tennis. Logistics and implementation were discussed.
23. Recommend at this time to keep the two class state final on the same weekend at the same location.
24. Recommended that before making any changes to tournament structure, evaluate the two class split for two years.
25. Discussed examining various tournament structures such as regionals and sectional complexes.
26. The committee recognized and thanked IHSA Division 4 representative – Connie Cassidy, Girls Coach, Peoria (Richwoods), and IHSA Division 5 representative – Kaye Kimpling, Boys/Girls Coach, Teutopolis for their contributions and service on the IHSA tennis advisory committee.