

**MINUTES OF THE 2017-18 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 1, 2017**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Tennis Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Division 1 – Carl Abram, Boys/Girls Coach, Chicago (Whitney Young H.S.); Division 3 – Greg Postweiler, Boys/Girls Coach, Tinley Park H.S.; Division 4 – Patrick Gornik, Boys/Girls Coach, Dunlap H.S.; Division 5 – Cindy Petersen, Girls Coach, Gibson City (G.C.M.S. H.S.); 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 Josh Leighton, Deerfield H. S.; and Assistant Executive Director Susie Knoblauch. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**XI. Officials**

**Recommendation:** At the State Final tournament, provisions will be made for licensed USTA officials to call matches from the quarterfinal through the final rounds of competition in both the singles and doubles finals.

**Rationale:** This change allows CDTA, ITF and USTA officials to be used for the IHSA tennis state final thus increasing the pool of eligible officials.

Approved by Consent

**VIII. D. 3 Time Allotment**

**Recommendation:** A minimum of ~~twenty~~ thirty minutes of rest will be granted to competitor(s) between matches.

**Rationale:** This change adds 10 minutes of rest between matches which aligns with other rule sets.

Approved by Consent

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

1. Reviewed the 2016 IHSA Tennis Advisory Committee Minutes
2. Kevin Schrammel gave a summary report on 2017 IHSA Girls Tennis State Final
3. Matt Norris presented a summary report on the 2017 IHSA Boys Tennis State Final

4. Knoblauch reviewed sectional team placements and the timeline for releasing sectional assignments
5. Discussed playing 3 matches on Thursday, 2 matches on Friday and 1 match on Saturday in the main draw to establish set times of play
6. Discussed the use of the USTA Officials during the State Series
7. A representative from tennisreporting.com presented information regarding their online tennis scoreboard
8. Discussed tournament expansion from regionals to sectional complexes
9. Reviewed a plan for implementing a two-class 96 draw tournament USTA
10. Discussed USTA Friend of Court Rules Book and fan behavior
11. Recognized and thanked IHSA Division 1 Representative – Carl Abram, Boys Head Tennis Coach/Girls Assistant Tennis Coach for Chicago Whitney Young High School and Tina Woolard, Athletic Director at Grayslake North High School for their contributions and service on the IHSA tennis advisory committee

#### **Administrative Recommendations**

Investigate using tennisreporting.com for complete match history needed for seeding

Add Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) to online list of participant page

Establish an IHSA tennis officials' coordinator to assist at the state final in selecting, assigning and placing officials to matches

Partners with USTA, CDTA, ITF & IHSTCA regarding licensing process

Hire 8-12 licensed officials for the tennis state quarterfinal/semifinal/final rounds

Focus on entry procedures and protocols on online rules presentation

Establish the ability for coaches to rate state finals officials used during quarterfinal/semifinal/final rounds