

**MINUTES OF THE 2019-20 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 30, 2019**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Tennis Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Division 2 – Steve Schoenfelder, Athletic Director, Antioch; Division 3 – Brian Ostrander, Boys/Girls Coach, Orland Park (Sandburg); 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 – Sonthana Thongsithavong, Boys/Girls Coach, Chatham (Glenwood); and Division 7 – Richard Mertens, Principal, Belleville (West). 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. Darlene Horn, Girls Coach, Chicago (Northside) was unable to attend.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Item V. C. 2. Tournament Assignments and Seeding - State Final Seeding Meeting**

**Recommendation:** A draw of ~~64~~ 96 will be used for both singles and doubles play in both 1A and 2A classifications.

**Rationale:** By increasing the number of participants, an expanded draw size can provide the opportunity to include more teams with four qualifiers thus determining trophy winners based on the overall team participation rather than the greater success of one or two participants who qualify from a school. More students will have the opportunity to participate in the State Final experience. (Note: The committee recommended using two nearby sites to run 1A and 2A and culminate in all of the finalist at one site on Saturday).

**Died for Lack of Motion**

**2. Item VIII. B. 1. Tournament Rules - State Final Scoring**

**Recommendation:** ~~Regular scoring shall be used in all rounds of state final play (two out of three tie break sets).~~ In round one and round two of the main (championship) draw, regular scoring shall be used with a 3<sup>rd</sup> set super tie break. This scoring format shall also be used for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> medal match.

**Rationale:** By incorporating the 3<sup>rd</sup> set super tie break method of scoring for the first two rounds of competition, matches can be completed to maintain the tournament schedule. This scoring method is consistent with scoring used through the regular season.

**Approved by Consent**

### 3. Item VIII F. 4. Tournament Rules - Coaching

**Recommendation:** Coaches may not use electronic communication/coaching devices (i.e., smart phones, smart watches etc.) ~~during a match, on or immediately near, the vicinity of the player's court.~~ while on the court coaching. Electronic devices are prohibited for use by a player or a coach while on the court during a match.

**Rationale:** Smart watches can provide communication during a match, thus violating the no coaching rule. By adding this language, smart watches worn by a player is covered by the electronic device policy and therefore will not be allowed to be accessed during matches.

**Approved by Consent**

### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The committee reviewed the 2018 IHSA Tennis Advisory Committee Minutes
2. Matt Norris and Kevin Schrammel provided summary reports on 2019 IHSA Girls and Boys Tennis State Finals
3. Josh Leighton provided an update from the IHSTCA
4. Knoblauch reviewed the use of tennis reporting as an online scorebook and seeding tool
5. Knoblauch reviewed the timeline for releasing sectional assignments. It was recommended to conduct a conference call with sectional hosts prior to their event to address questions and to provide consistency.
6. The committee discussed the use of the USTA Officials during the State Series
7. The committee discussed the process and procedure for completion of the state final back draw
8. The committee discussed plans for the use of indoor courts during inclement weather
9. The committee discussed the rules regarding coaching
10. The committee discussed the rules regarding injury timeouts
11. The committee discussed the philosophy behind a team format
12. The committee discussed tournament expansion from a 64 draw to a 96 draw and reviewed plans for implementing a two-class 96 draw tournament
13. The committee recommended items to add to the online rules video presentation as points of emphasis (i.e. first year coach items, attaching nets, foot faults, injury protocol, sample seeding, best practices for running sectional)
14. The IHSA recognized and thanked IHSA Division 4 Representative – Patrick Gornick, Boys/Girls Coach at Dunlap and Division 5 Representative - Cindy Petersen, Girls Coach from

Gibson City (G.C.-Melvin-Sibley) for their contributions and service on the IHSA tennis advisory committee.