



2022-23 TENNIS COMMITTEE #180 MINUTES
January 10, 2023 @ 9:30am

Members Present

Jen Aldrich; Otsego (MHSTeCA)
Mike Bakker; Fenton
Shane Finney; Macomb
Eric Gajar; Ann Arbor
Vestina Hawkins; Kalamazoo
Judy Hehs; Wixom
Robert Hull; Milan
Nicole Norris; East Lansing
Mike Roy; Vicksburg (MIAAA)

Joe Marazita; Niles
Sandy Rutledge; St. Clair
Bill Wahlstrom; Walled Lake

Advisory & MATS

Rich Kieft ATC (MATS)

MHSAA Staff

Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)
Laura Roberts

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 10, 2023, at the John E. “Jack Roberts building. The committee was reminded of its responsibility as well as the process for rule changes. The committee was provided the “Ten Basic Beliefs for Interscholastic Athletics in Michigan.” The following items were discussed and debated during the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The group discussed the recent approval from the Representative Council in regard to allowing additional seeds at the state finals at #1 Singles, as well as the newly implemented “Ball Fee” which is applied at the Regional and Finals.

The MHSTeCA “Claims Committee” continues to be recognized and thanked for its usefulness as an advisory group both prior to an issue as well as after an issue has been reported.

The group discussed the importance of sportsmanship and steps that could and would be taken to promote appropriate sportsmanship as it pertains to all present at MHSAA tennis event.

TennisReporting.com was again discussed, with the committee in full support of its continued use.

Concussion information was provided regarding the 2021-2022 tennis season and compared with data from previous seasons.

There are currently no known changes for 2023-2024 regarding USTA Rules.

2023-24 FINALS TOURNAMENT SITES (TENTATIVE)

The MHSTeCA, as well as the Tennis Committee, both support the current system of rotating Final sites for Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4. Sites would tentatively be the same for both boys and girls of the same Division. Tentative assignments for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows:

- Division 1 – Midland Community Tennis Center
- Division 2 – University of Michigan / Michigan State / Other
- Division 3 – Kalamazoo College
- Division 4 – Hope College

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The committee reviewed the Regional assignments for spring 2023. The assignments were posted on the MHSAA website following the date that would normally serve as the annual spring tennis coaches’ clinic.

STAFF RECCOMENDATIONS

NONE

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Allow Regional #1 Doubles Finalists to Qualify for the State Finals:
The #1 Doubles finalists on a non-qualifying team may advance to the State Finals if their team's #1 Singles player also qualifies. (7-2)