



2020-21 TENNIS COMMITTEE #180 MINUTES

January 12, 2021 @ 9:30am

Members Present

Jen Aldrich; Allegan
Shane Finney; Bloomfield Hills
Eric Gajar; Ann Arbor (MHSTeCA)
Judy Hehs; Wixom
Tim Johnston; Grand Rapids
Dylan Patterson; Kalamazoo
Mike Roy; Vicksburg (MIAAA)
Sandy Rutledge; St. Clair
Scott Zerlaut; Grant

Members Absent

Tom Huizing; Rockford
Bill Wahlstrom; Walled Lake
Tiger Teusink; Holland

Michigan Athletic Trainers Society

Lorin Cartwright (MATS)

MHSAA Staff

Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Tennis Committee met on Jan. 12, 2021 utilizing a virtual format. 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 committee discussed the many challenges associated with this year, and potential contingency plans to complete the school year. The committee was reminded that decisions are as final as the circumstances for which they are made during these trying times.

The group discussed the recent approval from the Representative Council in regards to adding Boys and Girls tennis to allow co-ops in Section 1(F)1.

The MHSTeCA "Claims Committee" was again recognized and thanked for their usefulness as an advisory group both prior to an issue as well as after an issue has been reported.

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

Concussion information was provided in regards to the 2019-2020 tennis season, and compared with data from the 2018-2019 seasons.

There are currently no known changes for 2021-2022 in regards to USTA Rules.

2021-22 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. As most facilities were not used for the fall, or might not be used this spring, the assignments will remain unchanged. Tentative assignments for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows:

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

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

The committee reviewed the Regional assignments for spring 2021. The assignments will be posted on the MHSAA website following the date that would normally serve as the annual spring tennis coaches' clinic.

STAFF RECCOMENDATIONS

NONE

RECCOMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Competition Limits: A player may participate in no more than 117 games in a given day. This may result from short sets, 8-game pro-sets, 2 out of 3 sets or any combination of these options. Matches could include a full 3rd set or a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set. (9-0)
2. Tournament Substitution and Redraw Rule: When a seeded player withdraws on the day of the tournament, the tournament manager will adjust the new seeds so that they are on the proper line for their seed. This would include the provisional seed. The substitute will be placed on the line vacated by the provisional seed. (9-0)
3. MHSAA Opt-Up Rule: When a school wishes to opt-up in tennis, the school must submit a letter to the MHSAA giving the reasons for doing so. (6-3)