

**MINUTES OF THE 2008-09 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
November 5, 2008**

The IHSA Boys/Girls Tennis Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee Members present were: Division 2 - Tracy Waters-Miller, Barrington; Division 3 - Patti Clousing, Wheaton Warrenville South; Division 4 - Matt Gross, Ottawa; Division 5 – Yale Reynolds, Effingham (St. Anthony); Division 6 - Mike Terry, Quincy (Sr.). Also in attendance were Girls State Tennis Tournament Director, Jean Rezny, Mt. Prospect (Prospect); Boys State Tennis Tournament Director Matt Norris, Arlington Heights (Hersey); and Assistant Executive Director Susan Knoblauch. Division 1 – Athletic Director, Jim Prunty, Chicago (St. Ignatius) and Division 7 Principal, David Kniepkamp were unable to attend.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Item VIII-A- Tournament Rules – Scoring

Recommendation: Eliminate Item VIII-A-2-b (under State Final Tournament Scoring) and add under VIII-A-1-a- (under Sectional Tournament Scoring)- Points shall be scored accordingly in all singles and doubles feed in bracket matches at sectional competition (Round 1 through Round 5).

Rationale: Returning back to the original scoring system received overwhelming support from coaches state wide. By scoring beginning in Round 1 of play, all players are rewarded for their contributions to team play. There may be isolated cases of luck of the draw and random placement that may impact final scores occasionally. However after a thorough discussion and review of coaches' correspondence by the advisory committee, they reached a consensus that students scoring points in each round of play was the best recommendation.

Approved (to become effective immediately)

2. Item VIII –I- Tournament Rules-Competitor Apparel

Recommendation: *Add* – Provisions for adjustments in apparel may be allowed due to weather.

Rationale: There are times due to inclement weather that athletes need to dress appropriately for the conditions.

Approved (to become effective immediately)

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Jean Rezny, girls' tennis state final manager, reported on the girls' state final tournament. Items of discussion included the weather, indoor court space, and USTA officials. Jean complimented Districts 211, 214 and 220 for their cooperation and use of courts. Jean also complimented the work of the site directors.
2. Matt Norris reported on the boys' state finals. Items of discussion included: weather, indoor space and sportsmanship.
3. State final managers stressed the importance of sectional managers to report their results in an efficient and timely manner so the state final committee can begin preparing for the seed meeting. State final managers would also like to have a listing of coaches' cell phone numbers so they could be contacted if needed.
4. Cell phones may not be used on the playing courts by participants or coaches.
5. The advisory committee reviewed a By-law proposal that would move the fall girls' tennis 1st Contest Start Date to the Monday following the Wednesday 1st date practice may begin for 2009.
6. The committee discussed the process for appropriate line-up changes.
7. No add scoring for the girls state tournament and regular scoring for the boys state tournament will continue to be in effect due to weather and daylight issues faced by the girls tournament management.
8. The committee reviewed correspondence from Jerry O'Connor and Mike Hand, Benet Academy regarding scoring. Correspondence was also reviewed from Greg Cohen and IHSTCA.
9. There was a report on the IHSTCA summer team tennis tournaments. The event will be held again this year with corresponding dates and sites.
10. The IHSA will work to move forward with the creation of an online bracket for the state tournament. This will allow fans and participants to view the tournament structure easier. It was also suggested to look into the computerized random placement of the 9-16 and 17-31 seeds.
11. The committee observed that overall sportsmanship seems to be improving thanks to the leadership of coaches and member schools.
12. The committee approved of the IHSA going to online rules interpretation meeting for tennis coaches beginning with the 2008-09 season.

- 13.** The committee discussed the interpretation of allowing players to warm up with a pro.
- 14.** The injury time out procedure was reviewed.
- 15.** The IHSA thanked Tracy Waters-Miller, Mike Terry and Jim Prunty for their three year term on the advisory committee. Interested parties can submit a request to serve in writing or online to the IHSA office.
- 16.** The IHSA would like to commend the efforts of both Jean and Matt for such excellent management of the state final events. Districts 211 and 214 and Barrington High School are also acknowledged for allowing the state tournament to be held on their sites. Also, acknowledgments of the volunteers used during the state finals were also noted. Volunteers are crucial in making this state final event run efficiently.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 4th, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.