

NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Chad Anderson, West Fargo, Girls East Rep. 2011 to 2015
Erik Hanson, Bismarck High School, Girls West Rep. 2010 to 2014
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Coaches and Athletic Directors:

Boys Tennis: x
Date: Submitted 11/2/12

Girls Tennis: _____
Date: _____

Recommendations:

1. Change the required number of practices before the first match from 9 to 7. The date of the first match would still be the second Friday after the season begins.

Rationale behind the recommendations:

1. Allows for days where teams cannot hold a practice due to the weather(rain, snow, etc.).
2. Allows for athletes who are playing other sports(ex. Legion baseball) to be eligible for the first match/weekend of play.
3. For Boys Tennis players, it allows for those athletes whose family may take a late summer vacation.

Minutes

Minutes done via email. Coaches contributing: Greg LaDouceur(Grand Forks Red River), Paul Christen(Mandan), Scott DeLorme(Minot), Tony Walz(Fargo Shanley), Paul Kolesar(Fargo Davies), Scott McPherson(Century), Pat Mallowney(Jamestown), Greg Unruh(Fargo North), Vic Youngs(Fargo South), Justin Zainhofsky(Bismarck High), Matt Nielson(Valley City)

Topics of Discussion:

1. 7 practices instead of 9
 - a. See recommendation above. Coaches voted UNANIMOUSLY for the change.
2. Officials
 - a. Coaches are frustrated at the inconsistency of the officials. We need to make sure they are all doing the same thing across the state.
3. Regular Season Doubles Lineups
 - a. Is it ok for the #1 singles player to play #3 doubles? When exchanging lineups, coaches need to question any doubles teams or singles lineup that seems questionable.
4. East v. West qualifiers
 - a. The East is concerned about the disparity between the percentage of athletes that qualify for state in the East and West. The East qualifies 29.6% and 44% of its singles players and doubles teams, respectively. In the West, it is 38% for singles players and 57% for doubles teams. As schools are being built and teams are added(or lost due to lack of numbers), we need to continue to look at this possible issue.
5. Region Team Format
 - a. Pat Mallowney of Jamestown brought forth a proposal to change back to the previous system which was changed in 2003. In that system, the losers of the semi-finals would play for 3rd and 4th. The losers of the first round would play out to 5th place. If the 5th place finisher had not played the 4th place finisher, then the 5th place finisher could challenge the 4th place finisher for the chance to go to state. Pat Mallowney of Jamestown and Justin Zainhofsky were in favor of this system. The rest of the coaches were not.
6. All-State Selections
 - a. We need to come up with some regulations as to how to select the potential 2 additional All-State selections. The Advisory Committee selected Matt Nielson to head this up.

***Coaches, please forward the minutes to your Athletic Directors.**

Brenda Schell will also receive the minutes from each Advisory member.

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