

## NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Chad Anderson, West Fargo, Girls East Rep. 2011 to 2015  
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### **Coaches and Athletic Directors:**

Boys Tennis: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Girls Tennis:   X  

Date:   5-25-13  

### Recommendations:

1. Recommendation was made to allow for the recruitment of 2 additional line judges for the regional and state tournaments. These individuals would not be certified, but be tennis literate and call only “in or out” line calls. Any rule clarifications or other incidents would be referred to the certified roving official.

### Rationale behind the recommendations:

1. The coaches felt that the lack of officials to monitor all the court sites leads to inconsistencies for the players, coaches, and fans. It was suggested that if officials are assigned to the tournaments, there should be enough to be a presence at every court site.

### **Minutes**

-The “at-large” all-state nomination process was discussed and clarified. This spring there was an example of an athlete that deserved the all-state recognition but had to pull out of the individual tournament due to injury. It was decided that this is exactly the type of situation we will look for in the future. Coaches would

be responsible for nominating their player for an at-large position; each nominee would be ranked by the head coaches, with #1 earning 3 points, #2 earning 2 points, and #3 earning 1 point.

-The issue of officials was discussed. While the coaches are in agreement that officials provide necessary support and credibility to our tournaments, the lack of numbers of certified officials has been an issue. Having officials on some courts but not all leads to inconsistency and sometimes distraction on the part of the athletes. It was suggested that we attempt to recruit two additional “tennis-minded” individuals to assist with the confirmation or overrule of line calls only. These individuals would not require certification, and would not be asked to settle any disputes over rule clarifications or unusual occurrences. These instances would be handled by the certified roving officials.

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

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

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