

NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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NDHSAA Board Athletic Review:

Boys Tennis: X
Date: Fall 2010

Girls Tennis:
Date: 10-12-10

Recommendations:

1. The boys tennis coaches would like to see the season start a week later in the summer and go a week later in the Fall.
2. The season could start with seven days of practice instead of nine days of practice before the first match. If the season starts on a Monday, the teams can't schedule a match until the following week Thursday.
3. Roving Official Guidelines/Expectations

The following guidelines will be expected of all roving officials officiating any/all types of North Dakota High School tennis events.

1. Will exercise discretion when calling foot faults, line calls, or dealing with any infractions so as not to disturb neighboring courts.
2. Enforce the warm-up time limit by advising the players when they have two minutes before the start of play. Players will be allowed up to , but not to exceed a 10 minute warm-up before all matches.
3. Help resolve scoring disputes by using judgment. First attempt to get the players to reconstruct the score so that they agree on it. Thereafter, the following options are listed in order of preference:
 - a. Counting all points and games agreed on by the players, with only the disputed points or games being replayed
 - b. Playing from a score mutually agreeable to the players
 - c. Deciding the score by a coin toss
4. Control spectators.
5. Enforce the Point Penalty System (code and time violations).
6. Overrule a player's line call only when in direct observation of that particular court.

When the official overrules a player's out call, that player loses the point. THE ROVING UMPIRE MAY OVERRULE AS A RESULT OF A PLAYER APPEAL.

7. Officials will **always** allow balls to be played that are played "in good faith."
8. Stay on a specific court a minimum of 1 game and maximum of 3 games unless asked by player/coach to stay longer. **Exception: If there are enough officials to have one on every court, the official may stay longer than the maximum 3 games.**
9. Be highly visible, but not spy on the players.
10. Check net heights before a match or between sets.

11. Call lets on any court in which they observe a let, regardless of the court they are officiating.
12. Monitor time on changeovers
13. Wear an identifying shirt that clearly marks him/her as the USTA official on site.

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Rational behind the recommendations:

1. We usually play inside during our State Tournament, we have to rent the facility out anyway, why not go another week into October to finish. The first weekend in October is a busy weekend, especially in Minot. If we ever moved the Boys Tennis State Tournament to Minot rooms would be difficult to find for parents. With so many events happening the first weekend of October, rooms were difficult to find all over Bismarck. Also, I have a middle school tennis program that can't start until school starts. When they finish their nine practices, they might have one or two matches and their season is over. The middle school tennis team is not allowed to play as long as other middle school extra- curricular activities. Because the season is so short, my feeder program for boy's tennis is hurt. I have a difficult time getting boys out for tennis because of this very reason.

All coaches present at State tennis advisory meeting voted yes for this recommendation:

BH, BC, Minot, Dickinson, Jamestown, Mandan, WF, FS, FN, FD, Wahpeton, GFC, GFRR, Shanley. 14 yes - 0 no

2. Each year it seems that boy's tennis practice starts earlier every summer. Summer sports and family vacations are interfering with the early start of tennis practice. Summer sports are interfering with eligibility for school tennis. More and more players are not able to make the 9 practices before the first match. Tennis doesn't seem like a school sport when you play half of your regular season before school starts.

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***Coaches, the advisory minutes will be forwarded to Brenda Schell:**

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Recommendations:

1. Play all matches during the season and post season with 2 sets out of 3 sets. Eliminate the third set super tie breaker played in the East Area.
2. Start time for all matches must be at 4:00pm.
3. When seeding at the conference tournament for both singles and doubles, all coaches can use head to head play during the conference and head to head play from the West Fargo Tennis Invite to determine individual and doubles team seeding.
4. When all coaches determine that we need to change the format of the draws for both singles and doubles, the athletic director in charge of the conference tournament needs to be notified.
5. The East Region Conference Tournament is sent 4 cases of tennis balls, the same as the State Tournament.
The East Region Conference Tournament now has 9 teams competing in the Fall of 2010, one more than last year.
During the consolation side of the Individual tournament, players were given used balls to play their match. This is not acceptable, all matches will have new tennis balls.
We should plan on every match using at least 3 to 4 tennis balls for both championship side and consolation side.
6. We have five singles players and five doubles players who are recognized as All State Players for the Boys and Girls season in North Dakota. Fifteen players will receive All State honors.
I would like to recommend that we have two At Large All State players from each conference in the state of North Dakota. Add four more players to the All State list to make nineteen total.

Rational behind the recommendations:

1. All West Area tennis teams play their matches out with the best 2 sets out of 3 sets. The East Area tennis teams play their matches with the 3rd set as a supper tie break. During tournament play we play 2 out of 3 sets, playing the third set completely out. The East Area players need to play the entire season out with 2 out of 3 sets, playing out the third set to create a more even playing field with the West Area teams.

All coaches present at EDC tennis advisory meeting voted yes for this recommendation:

WF, FS, FN, FD, Wahpeton, GFC, GFRR, Shanley, VC. 9 yes - 0 no

2. In order to play out the third set, we need to make sure we start our matches at 4:00pm, especially with the sites that have only 4 to 5 courts at their tennis court facility. In the past, when we started at 4:30pm we had a difficult time finishing with enough sun light. Most sites do not have lights which makes it difficult to finish, safety becomes an issue when playing in the dark.

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3. When using head to head play to compare records, it makes it easier to seed the players in their respective flights.

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4. The Athletic Director in charge of the Area Sectional Tournaments needs to prepare and finish working the drawing for the seeding meeting. The ADs should have the changed draws at least a week before the Sectional Tournament.

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5. The East Region Conference Tournament now has 9 teams competing in the Fall of 2010, one more than last year. During the consolation side of the Individual tournament, players were given used balls to play their match. All matches will have new tennis balls. We should plan on every match using at least 3 to 4 tennis balls for both championship side and consolation side.

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6. We have a total of 15 All-State Players who are part of the singles and doubles individual tournament. We determine who is All-State by how they place in the State Tournament. The State Tournament is actually more of an All-Tournament Team and not a true All-State team.

In the past years we've had top players who placed in the Area Conference Tournament, but not in the State Tournament. This is not right!

What if our number one singles player, who should take state, has an injury and can't play in the state tournament, does this mean that he/she is not an All- State Player.

My recommendation is to introduce two At Large All-State Players from each region that can be taken from the All-Conference list from the Area Conference. The East Region coaches nominate the 15 All-Conference players, the West Region coaches take their Area Conference players from how they place in the West Region Conference Tournament.

The Friday of the State Tournament during the coaches meeting, the East Area Coaches will vote for five players from the All-Conference List and the West Area Coaches will vote for five players from the West Region Conference Tournament. The five players from each conference will be ranked with 1 for first place and 5 for last place. The top two At Large finishers from each Area Conference who are not in the top 5 places in Singles or Doubles Individual State Tournament will be the At large All State selection. Each representative from the girls or boys from East or West Area will collect the votes to determine who will be the At Large All State selection on Saturday during the awards ceremony.

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

Coaches, our goal is to start the changes before girls season starts.

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

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