

North Dakota Girls' Tennis State Advisory Recommendations

Present: Mandan, Century, Bismarck, Saint Mary's, Minot, Williston, Valley City, Davies, Red River, Sheyenne, Wahpeton, Shanley, South

Not Present: North, West Fargo, Central, Jamestown, Dickinson, Legacy

Recommendation #1:

New Regulation: A player may stop play to request an official. A player or coach will then leave the court to find an official. Play will not continue until an official or assistant coach(es) are present to officiate. The role of the assistant coach(es) is to rule upon a player appeal. If two assistant coaches are present, one will be at each net post and monitors his/her sideline, one end line, and same service line.

Make the above recommendation #26 and renumber current #26 thru the end as this best fits with the officials' regulations.

Vote: 13-0

Rational: The USTA rule does not work for North Dakota high school tennis and we needed better clarification. If officials were not present, this would give us a standard to follow. As coaches, we want the officials to be able to officiate more than one contentious match; this gives the coaches flexibility to have assistant coach(es) monitoring that match after the official moves to the next match.

Recommendation #2:

Change first sentence of regulation 10 from a maximum of 9 on the regional roster to a maximum of 12. Should read 'Regional/state rosters are limited to maximum of 12 players.'

If changed, regulation 13b needs to then change to '... selected from the **regional** roster submitted...'

Vote: 12-0 with 1 abstaining

Rational: As the top 12 players are considered varsity, they should be able to be a part of the regional roster. 12 on the regional roster gives teams flexibility to use different combinations for all three rounds of the team competition and for the individual competition.

Recommendation #3:

Change regulation 30 from 'shall be assigned' to 'shall choose.'

Should read 'For team-day court assignments, the East's #1 seed shall choose indoor courts (if used) or outdoor courts in even years and the West's #1 seed shall choose indoor courts (if used) or outdoor courts in odd years. This choice is only for the quarterfinals.'

Vote: 12-0 with 1 abstaining

Rational: The region champions should have an advantage at the state tournament. The #1 seed from the East should be given preference in the even years and the #1 seed from the West should be given preference in the odd years of playing their first round indoors or outdoors.

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