

Girls' Tennis State Coaches' Meeting

June 1st, 2018

Choice Health and Fitness, Grand Forks

Recommendations to modify current regulations:

~~Each school is permitted three singles entries in the singles event and two three doubles teams entries in the individuals regional tournament, with all groups competing against one another. The Doubles will be one group and singles will be one separate events, not separate divisions for No. 1, 2 and 3 singles nor for No. 1 and No. 2 doubles. Coaches must place the best of their three singles players in the No. 1 singles spot, the best of their two three doubles teams in the No. 1 doubles spot, etc. Contestants may not enter both the singles and doubles events. Schools may enter any contestants on their regional rosters into an individual event in the singles or doubles competition on individual day without entering a full team on team day.~~

Will read as follows:

14. Each school is permitted three singles entries and three doubles entries in the individuals regional tournament. Doubles and singles will be separate events. Coaches must place the best of their three singles players in the No. 1 singles spot, the best of their two doubles teams in the No. 1 doubles spot, etc. Contestants may not enter both the singles and doubles events. Schools may enter any contestant on their regional rosters into an individual event without entering a full team on team day.

Vote: All present at state meeting (plus FD) voted for this recommendation with none against and none abstaining. All boys coaches (except Jamestown) voted for this recommendation in the fall. Jamestown voted no.

Rational: We bring at least nine players to the regional tournament and this would provide a regional playing experience for nine players. This also will add one more round to the doubles tournament so the 8/9 and 7/10 matchups are not in the first round.

16. If a regular season line-up or play-in line-up is in question, the protest shall be taken sent to the regional individual seed meeting NDHSAA office within 24 hours after the completion of that match. Coaches of that region (except the coach of the line-up in question) shall vote on the protest and, if upheld by a majority vote, shall result in a forfeit of any matches in question. This will be reflected in the seeding for team day. Records of challenge matches held within the team may be used to verify line-ups and shall supersede the protest leaving the line-up to stand as originally listed.

Vote: Did not vote.

Rational: This is an update from when the regional tournament was on two separate weekends and before we had enough schools for a play-in match (prior to Davies, Sheyenne, and Legacy). We cannot use this regulation as written as our team regional tournament is completed before the regional individual seed meeting.

Discussion:

1. Discussed different formats for the regular season and post season. Determined our current format is the best for North Dakota.
2. Discussed team regional and team state method for protesting team line-ups. The interpretation verified by Brenda Schell of the regulation is that if a protest is upheld by a majority vote of the seven other coaches, the singles and/or doubles positions will be switched to the correct positions. New line-ups will not be resubmitted.
3. Discussed coaching time. We all are offenders when it comes to taking too much time on change-overs. We don't realize how little time we have until we are at regional or state and a court monitor keeps us on track. We need to do a better job of self-regulating at duals and at regional and state when a court monitor is not present.
4. All-State vote. Coaches voted in Brooke Kennelly of Grand Forks Red River. She ended up earning All-State by placing 5th in the doubles and didn't need the vote.
5. Brenda Schell presented tennisreporting.com as a free application that would show all scores of all matches and help with metrics for seeding. She will send out a video to all coaches so we can analyze it and determine if this is something we want to do. We will then submit our responses on a Survey Monkey that she creates.

Attendance:

East: SH, GFC, WFS, VC, WF, FS, GFRR, & W (FD & FN absent)

West: Man, Wil, BC, BH, & Min. (St.M, D, JT, & BL absent)

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