

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Teleconference Agenda

December 09, 2013

2:30 PM

I. Attendance:

[Present] Selina DeCicco (State Coordinator), Robert Stulmaker (NYSPHSAA Assistant Director), Joe Agostinelli (NYSPHSAA Media Specialist), Joe Altieri (NYSPHSAA Director of Marketing & Media), Todd Nelson (NYSPHSAA Assistant Director), Cal Kramer (Section I), Stan France (Section 2), Rick Steiner(Section 5), T. McMahon (Section 6), George Bailey (Section 7), Barry Kubit (Section 8), Lance Hermus (PSAL)

[Absent] Bob Walrath (Section 3), Todd Ginnan (Section 4), Urvashi Gupta/Luann McCarthy (Section 9), Mark Mensch (Section 11)

II. Agenda:

A. Number of Games-

Discussion of the current proposal of 78 games allotted for competition in a day throughout the boys and girls tennis seasons has been postponed until February due to lack of information available. This item will be discussed in a teleconference in February when both committees are able to participate. Robert Stulmaker will inform our committee of the date this will take place. It was brought to the attention of the S. DeCicco, that some of the coordinators did not receive information of the details of this proposal.

B. UTR Criteria for Seeding in the NYSPHSAA Championship-

-Cal Kramer gave a detailed explanation of how the data is collected for Universal Tennis Ratings. It was discussed that in some cases, a team representative, coach or athlete enters final results on the website, All-TennisResults.Net in which all data is then transmitted to UTR.

-Some concerns for lack of results or reporting results of matches, league, or tournament play to the website by athletes was discussed and rationalized by Cal Kramer. Kramer felt athletes themselves and coaches are able to validate head-to-head matches and scores by overseeing the data reported by UTR. Cal was also helpful in mentioning Jeff Menaker, a contact person for UTR and the website.

-T. McMahon endorsed the committees guidelines for the seeding meeting as appropriate when using all attributes available for seeding athletes (Head-to-Head competition, sectional/state results, past performance, as well as to include USTA, UTR), all information available to best rank our athletes. He stressed that some athletes who may not be able to compete in tournaments outside of HS Tennis-those who do not have rankings, should not be overlooked for ranking in the NYSPHSAA Tournament. He also stated that the opinion of the coordinators on the seeding committee should also be given some credibility when he/she feels the section athlete or team displays the performance of a seeded player, based on our experience as NYSPHSAA Sectional Coordinators.

C. 2014 NYSPHSAA Tournament Dates-

-Wednesday, May 28th, 2014 arrival

(It was suggested by T. McMahon th at the Boys Tennis Committee hold its “other business meeting” on the eve of the state tournament for the purpose of discussion of other topics relevant to boys tennis so that the seeding meeting is not delayed during the morning of the start of the tournament.)

-May 29th (8 AM Seeding Meeting – Hampton Inn)

-May 29th (1 PM starting time), May 30th, 31st (8 AM starting time)

D. Other Items for Discussion-

- (Bob Stulmaker)

-Crowne Awards is the new company responsible for the NYSPHSAA medals awarded at our state tournament. The medals represent excellent improvement in quality in addition to being more economical.

-Hired media specialist Joe Agostinelli has made improvements to the state website and made positive changes to reporting the highlights, scores, and any information relevant

to tennis throughout the state tournament. (Spring updates will be available after winter break.)

- (T. Nelson)

-CP Sportswear is the official supplier of all clothing, souvenirs, and the state sport programs.

-Roster reporting/picture information will be distributed to coordinators in advance of our tournament as the new website is user friendly.

-There will be a tennis conference hosted by NYSPSHAA on Feb. 8th, 2014 in Long Island.

- (S. DeCicco)

-after attending a conference on "Event Security Training" on November 26th, 2013 in Goshen, NY, it was felt that there is a need for more security at our state tournament site. An incident involving an unsupervised athlete and an unknown spectator who entered the site caused a serious concern for supervision of participants at the USTA National Tennis Center. Security personnel will be participating in check-in procedures to address these concerns and improve supervision of athletes. Bob Stulmaker offered a PA System to be used for the tournament to make necessary announcements as needed throughout the tournament.

- (R. Steiner)

-Concerns to late results submitted by the PSAL to the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee were addressed. It was felt that the dates of the state tournament are given a year in advance and meeting the deadlines for reporting results for the state program, as well as for gathering all results needed for the seeding meeting should be adhered to, as a courtesy to all who prepare the tournament information, and also as a courtesy to the state committee who prepare data for the seeding meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Selina DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator

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