

NYSPPHSAA Boys Tennis Teleconference Minutes

November 15th, 2010

9:30 AM

I. Attendance

(Present)-Robert Stulmaker (Assist. Director), Selina DeCicco (State Coordinator), Ray Pappalardi (I), Stanley France (II), Mike Burke (IV), Rick Steiner(V), Terence McMahon (VI), George Bailey (VII), Barry Kubit (VIII), Luann McCarthy (IX), John Valente (XI), Lance Hermus (PSAL)

(Absent)-Bob Walrath (III), Urvashi Gupta (IX), Evan Klein (PSAL)

II. 2010 NYSPHSAA Tournament Concerns

A. Commitment to Compete

1. *USTA Tournaments, sportsmanship

-(L. Hermus): Commitment to Compete needs to be changed to include the consequences to occur if lack of commitment is demonstrated.

-S. DeCicco, R. Stulmaker will schedule a conference with Attorney Renee James to discuss possible changes to the existing Commitment to Compete document.

B. Code of Conduct

1. Sportsmanship

-Code of Conduct by athletes who were reprimanded at 2010 championships was discussed.

C. Coaching

1. P1-P5

-Coaching was not allowed on these courts in the 2010 tournament and will be allowed in future tournaments should these courts be used.

- It was discussed that courts P1-P5 should be used as a last resort due to lack of viewing areas (P5 and P4 have viewing area from the fence and should be used before P3, P2 and P1)

Post Season Recommendations

Please address to the Committee and the Chairperson, any recommendations for revisions of the Rules, Format, Handbook, Coaches Directory, etc.

League Qualifying Process

1. Each league will determine how to qualify singles and double teams for the Sectional Tournament.
2. **Guidelines** - suggested for qualifying Tournament:
 - a. League will determine the site for the Tournament.
 - b. Players from the same team should be put into opposite sides of the draw.
 - c. Depending on the number of players needed, set up a procedure to determine who will represent their league. For example, if two players are needed, then the two finalists will represent their league. If a third player is needed, have a play-off for the two losers of the semi-finals for their spot. The league chairperson will determine how this will be done prior to the tournament.

Section VI Tournament Rules

1. Any player wishing to play Section VI competition must have played at least 6 scheduled contests during the season with a coach present.
2. All **League Chairpersons** should call the Section VI Sportchair on page 3, between 7-10:00 PM to **enter all your representatives** in the Section VI Tournament by the entry due date.
3. Coaches wishing to have players **considered for seeding** must send a record of all important matches. Past seasons records, previous Sectional Tournament results, head-to-head results, ETA, club matches, as well as, this years matches will be taken into consideration. Make sure your league chairperson reports this information when he calls in his entries for the tournament.
4. Any coach or league that will not be sending representatives to the sectionals should notify the tournament director well in advance so a substitute may be found.
5. All matches will be **Best 2 out of 3 sets**:
GIRLS: First round and second round will be no-add scoring. Semifinals and finals will be regular scoring.
BOYS: First round and second round will be regular scoring - tie breaker at 6 ALL in games. All double matches will use the Coman tie breaker when necessary.
6. **Balls** - Each single player or doubles team must provide a new can of balls for each match. The winner will take the **new can** of balls to the next match and the loser will get the old one.
7. **Placement into the draw** - Consideration, if possible will be made for players playing each other from the same team, same league.
8. Players must choose singles or doubles.
9. All players and their coaches must be at the tournament site on their assigned court within **10 minutes of the starting time** or they will **default** their match.
10. All players **who enter** this tournament must be **willing to play** in the Section VI Tournament and the State Tournament without defaulting for any reason except medical. Each player, **boys and girls**, must sign the "Commitment to Compete" form (see forms page 2) and submit it to his/her tennis coordinator prior to sectionals. Failure to comply will result in the loss of all rights and privileges associated with this event.
11. **Size of Draw** - 16 singles and 16 doubles. **Format:** This will be a single elimination tournament. Losers in the semifinals will play back for the third position on the state team.
12. **U.S.T.A. Code of Conduct:** This code will be used during all play. This will be your only warning. Penalty: 1st offense - loss of point; 2nd offense - loss of game; 3rd offense - loss of match. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
13. **Warm-ups:** A ten minute warm-up will be allowed. It will be timed by the umpires.
14. **Continuous Play:** You are not to leave your court during play except with permission of the umpire or tournament director. In the case of a third set, the players will be allowed to leave the court for 5 minutes. Coaches will not be allowed on the court at any time.



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COMMITMENT TO COMPETE

Congratulations on your fine athletic achievement and earning the opportunity to represent your Section in the New York State High School Tennis Tournament!

Your participation not only affects the outcome, but also has a significant impact on the integrity of this sanctioned tournament. This competition is a progressive, single elimination format, and the withdrawal of a player or a doubles team, for reasons other than an injury or illness, affects the equality as well as the integrity of this tournament. Should a player withdraw in a later round, the equality of previous rounds is affected by unjustly eliminating a deserving player or team who is committed to completing the tournament. The fairness of future rounds is affected by providing an unfair advantage to a player who advances to the next round fully rested as a result of an opponent(s) withdrawal.

By signing this document, you agree to uphold the integrity of the State Championships by committing to play the entire tournament, including the consolation bracket, unless you are eliminated or you are unable to continue due to an injury or illness.

PLEASE PRINT

PLAYER NAME: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: _____

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Sectional Chair's Signature _____ Date _____

Original must be presented to the NYSPHSAA Tennis State Coordinator. The player will not be allowed to participate in the State Championships without the submission of this signed document.

A copy must be filed with the player's high school athletic director.

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