

**2011 NYSPHSAA BOYS TENNIS STATE COORDINATORS ANNUAL  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**12/12/11**

**9:30 AM**

**Attendance:**

*(Present): Selina DeCicco (State Chair), Robert Stulmaker (Asst.Dir.), Joe Altieri (Media/Marketing/PR) Stan France (II), Bob Walrath (III), Mike Burke (IV), Rick Steiner (V), Terence McMahan (VI), Barry Kubit (VIII), Luann McCarthy (IX)*

*(Absent): Ray Pappalardi/Cal Kramer(I), George Bailey (VII), Joe Braico (XI)*

**Agenda:**

**1. Welcome and updates to our directory**

**\*Section XI- Joe Braico**

*- Southold School District AD-replaced John Valente on 8/2/11*

**2. 2010 Tournament Dates**

**\*May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

*-USTA National Tennis Center*

*-Seeding Meeting scheduled for Thursday morning, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 8 AM at the Plaza LaGuardia Hotel Conference Room*

**3. 2011 Tournament Concerns, if any.**

*I. (Rick Steiner-V):*

*a. A shortage of copies of the tournament draw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the tournament was brought to our attention. Selina asked that these concerns, if known, be brought to her attention at the tournament desk immediately so that it may be remedied. S. DeCicco believed the tournament desk had copies of the draw available upon request throughout the tournament. Coordinators should direct requests for copies at the tournament desk if more are needed by coaches or coordinators.*

b. A request for more tournament ID tags/lanyards for high school coaches in each section who are accompanying participants, in addition to the section coordinators wearing ID tags. As suggested by S. DeCicco, it will be necessary to list the coaches from each section who will need an ID tag in order to supervise appropriate coaching on court. (Each singles player and/or doubles team is permitted to have exactly one high school coach on court during competition.) It was also suggested by S. DeCicco that coordinators will need to supervise the coaching rosters in their sections. She also requested that each section coordinator submit the coaching roster to the tournament director prior to competition for the purpose to list the names of coaches on the ID tags for identification by the tournament director, USTA officials, and sectional tournament committee.

c. there was a request to move the "Welcome/ Players Meeting" to a "stadium" court with seating for each section where it is quiet, while allowing all participants to hear the information that is delivered at the start of the tournament.

d. there was a request to move the consolation semi-finals to Day #2 of the tournament. After a discussion to consider, it was decided by the majority of coordinators in attendance that there should be no change in the format. The coordinators felt that competition on Day #2 would be excessive.

## **II. (Hotel Concerns):**

a. *Hotel Representatives were not available, cleanliness was a concern in the conference room, the rates for lodging were more expensive, and breakfast at the Hampton was preferred by some sections.*

b. *J. Altieri was asked by the committee to compare the current contract with the rates at the Hampton vs. Plaza LaGuardia. Mr. Altieri felt that the Plaza LaGuardia parking fees, free rental of the conference room, and rates for lodging were very competitive items in the current contract, yet he said he would look into the possibility of considering the Hampton.*

## **III. (Commitment to Compete):**

a. *R. Stulmaker will follow-up with the lack of commitment of the 2011 singles entry in section 7 who withdrew from the state tournament prior to competition.*

- b. *S. DeCicco suggested that each section consider their section's 4<sup>th</sup> place singles participant and doubles team as an alternate, to be substituted into the tournament, prior to completing the tournament draw. This would give an opportunity to a deserving athlete or team to compete, rather than minimize the competition for an opponent who would have received a forfeit.*

**4. Modified Selective Classification-(Section II-Stan France)**

*I. (R. Stulmaker)-changes will occur soon.*

*a. State Education Department is in the process of making changes to Selective Classification in the form of the test to become similar to the Presidential Physical Fitness Test.*

*b. Dell Daily (SED replacement for Trish Kowalski), may be reached at (518)474-5922 or by email at*

**5. Participation Survey-no changes at this time. There is a moratorium preventing expansions in state championships in all sports.**

**6. New Concerns??**

*I. (R. Steiner)-*

*a. Volunteered to review the handbook to look at possible changes in language of which might be contradictory in regards to "Modified Scoring", number of Contests per day, and tournament scoring.*

*b. Proposed changes to the language will be shared by R. Steiner with the committee, then the committee may propose changes to the Handbook Committee (usually 1-2 weeks prior to the Executive Committee meeting, usually early January).*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Selina M. DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator*