

Missouri State High School Activities Association Tennis Advisory Committee Meeting

November 13, 2025
MSHSAA Office
9:00 a.m.

HISTORY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The MSHSAA Board of Directors in the late 1950's was concerned with comments from coaches, music and speech directors indicating they had little voice in the administration and regulations of the respective activities they directed in their schools. To address this issue, the Board was to appoint advisory committees for music and speech to assist the Executive Director and Board of Directors in planning and administering the various activities.

The MSHSAA Constitution, after a vote of the member schools, included provisions for music and speech advisory committees. However, specific procedures for implementing the committee recommendations were not addressed. In 1959 the Music Advisory Committee was the first to become active and met with the executive director to review the regulations applied to music festivals and to make recommendations to the Board via the Executive Director for improvements in the program.

Shortly after the Music Advisory Committee became active the Speech Advisory Committee followed suit. The first significant recommendation was to include all speech activities, rather than debate only, under the jurisdiction of the MSHSAA.

The hard work and promising recommendations made by these two advisory committees prompted the Board of Directors to establish similar advisory committees in each activity under the MSHSAA jurisdiction. As new activities have been added or expanded, advisory committees have continued to be developed to meet this growth.

PURPOSE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The advisory committees serve to provide increased communication from the "grass roots" level between the MSHSAA member schools and the MSHSAA Board of Directors. The committees shall act in an advisory capacity with the MSHSAA Board of Directors reserving the right to accept, reject or amend committee recommendations.

2025 TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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I. Welcome/Introductions

- A. New Members: Scott Maple – Central (Boys); Christine Kindle – Central (Girls); Jason Conley – St. Louis (Boys); Katelyn Arenos – St. Louis (Girls)
- B. Outgoing Members: Rustin Reys – Kansas City (Boys); Daniel Berkland – Kansas City (Girls); Kayla Wilson – South Central (Boys); Cody Martin – South Central (Girls)
- C. Continuing Members: Donita Cox – Southwest (Boys); Nathan Rothdiener – Southwest (Girls); Danny Mueller – Southeast (Boys); Courtney Stufflebean – Southeast (Girls); Tony Senior – Northeast (Boys); Matthew Summers – Northeast (Girls); Nichol McGinness – Northwest (Boys); Kara Berry – Northwest (Girls); Jeanne Chavez – Ex-Officio (Head Tennis Official)
- D. Special Guest – Mary Bucshman – USTA Missouri Valley CEO/Executive Director
- E. Review of Advisory Committee Role and Procedures

II. Old Business

- A. Approval of minutes from the Nov. 13, 2024 Meeting
- B. State Championship Report (Boys Spring 2025 & Girls Fall 2025 – **Melton**)

III. New Business

REGULAR SEASON

- A. Item #5 – Tennis Team Jamborees
- B. [Item #11, 13 & 24 – Substitution Guidelines – District LineUp Changes Rule Language](#)
- C. No AD Scoring in Team Regular Season

POST SEASON

- D. Item #3 – Returning District Medalists Bracket Placement
- E. Item #4 – Review/Clean-Up District Seeding Procedures (Team)
- F. Item #6 – Postseason Team Districts Scoring 8-Game Pro-set
- G. Item #7 – Individual Districts Playback Option
- H. [Item #11, 13 & 24 – Substitution Guidelines – District LineUp Changes Rule Language](#)
- I. Item #12 – No AD Scoring in Team District Scoring
- J. Item #14 – Minimum Match Requirements (Team Tennis Tournament)
- K. Item #15 & 20 – First Game Changeover Rule
- L. Item #16 & 18 – Spin and Go Rule Language
- M. Item #19 – 3rd Place Finisher State Alternate

- N. Item #21 – Warm-Up Rule 2-Q
- O. Item #23 – Expansion of Postseason Individual Tournament Qualifiers

GENERAL

- P. MSHSAA Finance Update Re: Tennis – **Craig Long**
- Q. USTA Update/Resources/Tools/Initiatives – **Mary Buschmann**
- R. Item #1 – Direct Sub/MSHSAA Website Enhancement
- S. Item #2 – Team Season Record/MSHSAA Website Enhancement
- T. Item #8 – Tennis Coaches Association
- U. Item #9 – Private Coach Allowance
- V. Item #10 – School Coach Seated on Court
- W. Item #11, 13 & 24 – [Substitution Guidelines – District LineUp Changes Rule Language](#)
- X. Item #17 – Establishment of State Rankings
- Y. Item #22 – Use of 3rd Party Match Scores and Results Tool – MSHSAA Website Enhancement

IV. Discussion Topics

- A. Minimum Recommendations and Requirements for Hosting Postseason Tennis Events – **Melton**
- B. Host Site Rotations – First right of refusal – **Melton**
- C. Glossary/Definitions – Update manual to include clear definitions for common terms and phrases used throughout the manual – **Melton**
 - a. Line-Up
 - b. Rank-Order
 - c. Substitution
 - d. Etc.
- D. Expansion of Non-School Competition Exception for Spring Boys Tennis (and other spring sports) – Potential By-Law Change and Implications – **Melton**
- E. Allowable one-on-one instruction – Current application of By-Law and Implication for Singles & Doubles – **Melton**

V. Open Agenda

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