

## Tennis Advisory Committee – Meeting Summary

### Held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023

- 1 – Recommend to the board that both Girls and Boys Tennis be predominantly considered an Individual Sport rather than a Team Sport (despite a fully realized team tournament and team play component during the regular season).
- 2 – Recommend to the board that clarification be made to the rules in the tennis manual about appropriate tennis attire for interscholastic play. The following language will be added to Section 2: Regular Season, Letter K after the phrase, “preferably in the school’s colors,” “with exceptions for weather at the discretion of officials.”
- 3 – Recommend to the board adding the following language to the Tennis Manual regarding stacking/line-up/rank order, if two players are traded in the rank order, they may not be traded back for 72 hours or after the completion of two dual matches whichever is later (addendum to 2-0-2).
- \* 4 – Recommend to the board adding the following language to the Tennis Manual, Doubles lineups must follow the sum-total rule, unless a coach can and must be prepared to provide documented challenge match scores between established doubles pairings justifying a change to the doubles lineup that does not follow the sum-total rule. Example: #2 and #3 doubles pair, with a sum-total of 5 will play in the number one doubles spot instead of the expected #1 and #4 doubles pair, with an equal sum-total of 5. (new item 2-0-1-B-IV)
- \*\*\* 5 – (underlined are amendments) Recommends to the board that the following language be added to the Tennis Manual, All competitions and events hosted by a MSHSAA member school ~~held in the State of Missouri~~ must follow the rules and expectations outlined in the MSHSAA Tennis Manual. (addendum to 2-I after the first sentence)
- \* 6 – Recommends to the board reducing the amount of required conditioning and heat acclimatization practices from 14 to 10 for Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis.
- 7 – Recommends to the board adding language to the Tennis Manual regarding Team Districts Seeding Criteria, in case of a tie, add an extra step of sending another vote out to determine the seed of the tied teams. (addendum 4-F-4)
- \* 8 – Recommends to the board that the third-place finisher in Individuals and Doubles tournament from each district will serve as an alternate in the event that a higher finisher from their own district is unable to compete in the subsequent round (either sectionals or state tournament).
- 9 – Recommend to the board the playing or performance of the National Anthem at both the state individual and team tennis tournaments each day prior to the start of tennis play.
- \* 10 – Recommends to the board that coaches may request accommodation be allowed for delayed start of play at the state individual tournament regarding players who are sitting for the International Baccalaureate exam.

11 – Recommend to the board that language be added to the Tennis Manual, In an instance where a player is joining the varsity lineup after the season has started due to injury, illness or transfer, an appeal can be made to the MSHSAA Director of Tennis for the adjusted rank order placement. (addendum to 2-0-1-D)

12 – Recommends to the board that language be added to the Tennis Manual, Pre-match warmups shall only include school coaches and players. (addendum to 2-Q, after the phrase “Warm-ups are expected to be completed with your team only, and”)

- \* **Denied**
- \*\* **Tabled**
- \*\*\* **Approved as Amended**
- \*\*\*\* **No Action**
- All Others Approved**