

# 2015 State “B-C” Tennis Tournament

**To: Tennis Coaches, Athletic Directors**

**From: Gary DeGooyer, Tournament Manager  
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**Entries for State:** Entries to the State Tennis Meets will be certified by the division tournament manager. These entries must be reported not later than the Monday before the opening of the State Tennis meet.

**Sites:** CMR courts next to CMR HS. (228 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW) There are eight courts. Hurd or Riverside Courts are located on River Dr between Central Ave West and 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Meadowlark Country Club outdoor courts (MLCC located on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave South or Highway 200 just west of the bridge that crosses the Missouri River). If needed due to weather, we will go indoors at MLCC.

**Note:** If we need to go indoors, the MLCC does **NOT ALLOW BLACK SOLED TENNIS SHOES OR ANY SHOES THAT LEAVE MARKS.**

## **Coaches Meeting:**

- Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at CMR High School Choir room - Room 604 on north end of building next to auditorium 7:00 PM
- Schedule of courts and assignments will be handed out at this time.
- NOTE: we will start both days at 8:00 AM

**ALL COACHES MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO COACH PER MHSA RULES – Please send us a list so we can verify them and create identification for them.**

**Wilson US Open Tennis Balls will be provided by MHSA.**

A fee of \$8.00 will be charged for each participant that enters the state tournament. For instance, a singles entry would need to pay \$8.00 and a doubles team would pay \$16.00. Schools are expected to bring a check which should be made out to CMR High School and turn it into the tournament managers at the coaches' meeting.

## **Umpires for State “AA” Tennis are:**

Bonnie Cham-A-Koon – Great Falls  
Kent Graves – Great Falls

**Substitutes for State:** Because of injury, illness or other emergency situations, one boy or one girl, who was named as an alternate before the start of competition, may be used as a substitute before or during the state meet for doubles play only. This substitute can only be placed at the beginning of a match. This substitute can be the alternate that was listed for doubles at the divisional tournament or a team member that participated in the divisional tournament on a doubles team that did not qualify for state.

**Normal Format – Outside:**

- Best of 3 sets and using regular scoring will be used
- USTA Set (7 point) tiebreaker will be used
- 10 minutes rest allowed if split sets
- There should be 2 tennis balls per match
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.

**Inclement Weather Format:**

Best of 3 sets

- Sets 1 & 2 regular but each set will be shortened by starting at 2 games each.
- Set 3 – 10 point match tiebreaker – first to 10 pts but win by 2
- 120 second set break, if split sets
- Once a round has started the scoring format will be the same whether you finish the round inside or outside.
- If indoor courts are being used as part of the regular scheduled play (not because of weather issues), scoring will be the same as the outdoor format.

**Set Tie Breaker:** The MHSA Method of Breaking Ties (USTA Set (7-point) Tie Breaker will be used throughout the tournament, except for the tiebreaker mentioned in the Inclement weather format section.

**Match Warm-ups:** Outside and inside warm-up time will be 10 minutes. This warm up will be timed and this includes serving and net play. Tournament managers may shorten the warm-up time to 5 minutes for special situations.

**Scoring Devices:** Scoring devices are available to keep score at each court. Please inform your players to use them.

**Rest Time Between Matches:**

A competitor must have a minimum of 30 minutes rest between matches.

**Medical Information and Medical Treatments:**

- **ATHLETIC TRAINER WILL BE AVAILABLE**
- In the event of an injury, the player must be able to play within 15 minutes or the Opponent may win by default.

- The time starts when the trainer or coach arrives at site.
- A maximum of 5 minutes for both the diagnosis and treatment, treatment may not exceed 3 minutes.
- Bleeding timeout – treatment time ends when bleeding has stopped and playing area has been cleaned. Maximum amount of time is 15 minutes for bleeding.

**Heat Related Issues:** The following guidelines should be instituted by meet management in the following order to ensure the safety of the athletes should heat and heat related issues become a factor.

- Time extension on changeovers.
- Official / Meet manager may institute periodic timeouts during the match after game points length of timeouts will be dependent upon weather circumstances.
- The meet director in consultation with medical personnel will determine the continuation of tennis outside in excessive heat. Matches could be shortened at the conclusion of a round.

**Court Monitors:** Tournaments may have a need for court monitors. Court monitors should follow the following guidelines:

- The duties are to provide decisions related only to the remedy asked for by the players involved.
- As a linesman, only overrule a call when requested to do so.
- If requested to monitor foot faults or net violations, you will make the call immediately, as a delayed call will impede the progress of the game.
- Introduce yourself to both players. Remember your purpose is to ease any tensions, not increase them.

Court monitors can be called at any time. They should be familiar with the site rules and especially with the job description given for court monitors. Any problems should be referred to the head official at the site and ultimately to the tournament manager.

**Coaching Information:** The MHSAA has instituted this best practice in relationship to Coaching rules in all classifications of the MHSAA tennis:

- Eligible member school tennis coaches are permitted to talk with their player(s):
  - at 90 second changeovers, except following the first game of a set.
  - During shortened sets, coaches will be allowed to coach after the first game when the score is 3-2.
  - At 120 second change set break (end of set)
  - At split sets 10 minute rest period when playing regular 3<sup>rd</sup> set or 120 second match tiebreaker.

NOTE: Coaches may **NOT** coach players during a bathroom break or a medical timeout. Coaches can treat players for an injury, just not use this as a coaching opportunity (per USTA rules).

- Locations where coaching can occur:
  - Outside Courts - coaching will be at the fence, not on the court.
  - Inside Courts – Courtside on bench.
- Who can coach – only pre-approved school coaches with proper identification (see MHSA guidelines for more details)
- Coaches are expected to help with the crowd control at the sites.

**Competitors Conduct:**

- All tennis players in MHSA sanction tournaments shall be penalized one (1) team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site, after a match, before the next match, or at the end of the tournament. During the match, players are under the Tennis Code of Conduct/point penalty system of the USTA. Any coach, who personally observes misconduct may invoke the point penalties, provided they report their action to the tournament manager/site director.
- The site director at each court should be in charge of administering the penalty system above for violation/abuse of any equipment or facilities, abusive language, abusive gestures, and other obnoxious, offensive behavior.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the tournament site includes, but is not limited to, the following examples: throwing rackets or any equipment, swearing, intentionally hitting game balls out of the court, being abusive to tournament officials and fighting.

**Rain Delays:** For any extended rain delays, Mark Beckman, Executive Director of the MHSA, must approve rescheduling of tournament play to other dates – including the authorization to play on Sunday.

**Guideline on handling contests during lighting disturbances**

1. There is a new lightning policy that has been adopted by many sports medicine groups and governing bodies. The major change is that if ANY thunder is heard OR a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, play should be suspended, stands should be cleared, and all should seek shelter. Previously, the recommendation suggested that if there was at least a count of 30 seconds between the thunder and the lightning then the storm is far enough away to not be of concern. This is no longer considered appropriate or accurate. The consensus is there is no thunder without lightning and vice versa, so if one or the other is noted, both are there Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming play.
2. We will evacuate to CMR High School at the CMR Courts or your busses. If you are at Hurd Courts we will evacuate to your team bus or personal cars. Tournament officials will have a vehicle if a student does not have a place to go.

### **State Tournament Team Scoring:**

Class "B-C": 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5 points; 4<sup>th</sup> – 4 points; 5<sup>th</sup> – 3 points; 6<sup>th</sup> – 1 point;

To determine team champions in the state tournaments, two (2) advancement points will be given to those players advancing on the winners' bracket and one (1) advancement point for those advancing on the consolation bracket. Two (2) point also for defaults, forfeits, and disqualifications. Byes receive two (2) points on the winners' side of the bracket if the individuals win their next match, and one (1) point if the player who receives the bye wins the next round on the consolation side of the bracket

**Hair Control Devices:** Hair devices made of soft material or unadorned hair devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes, or hair clips, no longer than 2 inches, may be worn to control a player's hair. Hair adornments made of soft material and no more than two inches wide may be worn.

**Jewelry Policy:** No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in any sport. Any piece of jewelry that is visible at the start of or during a contest is in violation of the MHSA Jewelry Policy. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible.

If a competitor is observed wearing jewelry during competition the competitor, without delaying competition, shall remove the jewelry before any further competition. If it can't be removed, the competitor will not be allowed to compete until he/she is legally equipped. The tournament manager shall record the name of the competitor, school, event, time the violation occurred and description of prohibited item. The tournament manager shall then notify the head coach of the offending school of the violation. The tournament manager will keep track of the competitor, school, gender and time of day the time warning was given. Any further violations of wearing jewelry by that member of the team shall result in disqualification of the competitor from the event. The tournament manager may exercise some discretion when a new violation is reported within minutes of the team warning being issued.

The protocol for communication of a violation will be established by the tournament manager before the tournament begins.

**Drug and Alcohol Policies:** As tournament managers you should inform all school administrators of the attending schools of the MHSA Drug and Alcohol Policy, which states:

The MHSA prohibits any use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol or other mood altering drugs during competition. Violation will cause the coach or participant to be disqualified from further participation in that event.

### **Media Policy**

- Policies for Videotaping, Cybercasting, Telecasting and Photography of MHSAs events are outlined on pages 49-52 of the MHSAs Handbook.
- Photographs can be taken for personal use only.
- Legitimate media members may register for post season credentials at [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org) on the Media Resources page

Attachments:

Electronically separate enclosures:

MHSAs Uniform / Dress Code Rule

Basic tennis Etiquette and Procedures for Players during Matches

Tennis Code of Conduct/Point Penalty

Invoice