

Tennis Advisory Committee Summary for Staff Recommendations - 2022 Held on Tuesday, November 2, 2022

 N 1 – Recommend the Boys Tennis Out of Season practice season be held in the fall and the Boys Tennis “Open Facility” season moved to the winter.

RATIONALE: The current ruling limits the amount of time Boys Tennis players can receive instructional time for the Out of Season practice season due to January/February presenting very poor weather conditions, if not making it impossible for playing tennis. Unless a school has access to an indoor tennis facility, the Boys Tennis Out of Season practice season is not advantageous. The seven weeks are the only school coach instructional window for the players and currently, the opportunities are minimal at best.

Motion passed 12-0

 Y 2 – Recommend in Team doubles play each player in the doubles line-up carry a rank order of 1 thru 6 for sum total purposes based upon the singles rank order value.

RATIONALE: Under the current rule, some teams are electing to play a lower ranked player (7, 8, or 9 for instance) for the purpose of playing with a high ranked player at #2 or #3 doubles. This incentivizes coaches to pass over a player of higher ability in favor of a player of lower ability to gain a competitive advantage. This rule change would eliminate that incentive. If a coach says that their #9 player is their 6th best doubles player on that day, then they should carry the #6 for sum total purposes. In addition, this rule change would eliminate the possibility of a #1 rank order player playing on a #3 doubles team.

Motion passed 12-0

 Y 3 – Recommend providing the ability for doubles line-ups for a dual match to be entered from a cell phone.

RATIONALE: Coaches are getting better at using their phone to enter line-ups. In addition, many coaches do not bring their laptops with them on the away matches. Right now coaches can enter the singles line-ups from their phone but not the doubles.

Motion passed 12-0

Y - John has already rectified this recommendation and it is available for Spring 2023 (Boys Season)

 N 4 – Recommended adding that coaching is allowable from a vacant court. The language should read: coaching and instructions is permitted inside the fence and or around the court including an unoccupied adjacent court, in between points (if it does not disrupt the flow of play).

RATIONALE: Minimizing coaches from disagreeing over whether a coach can coach from an unoccupied vacant court.

Motion passed 12-0

N 5 – Recommended utilizing UTR ,or other tennis ratings systems, as an allowable (not mandatory) instrument in the post-season seeding considerations.

RATIONALE: Tennis rating systems are very accurate and could provide an unbiased tool for assisting in the post season seeding process. Much like how Wrestling morphed trackwrestling into their district seeding process, Tennis would like to do the same.

Motion passed 10-0-2

Y = Yes	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to approve the committee's recommendation.
Y as Amended	The staff's recommendation is to approve the committee's recommendation, as amended/modified by the staff; the original committee recommendation can be viewed in the committee minutes.
N = No	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to deny the committee's recommendation for the reasons listed.
D = Discuss	The staff's recommendation is for the Board to discuss the committee's recommendation due to a variety of pros and cons being associated with its approval.
T = Table	The staff's recommendation is to table the item for further study or to table the item and refer it to another committee.