

TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 12, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Kevin Skillett. Members attending: Chad Jilek, Jen Dovre, Danielle Stubbs and Shawn Petersen. Craig Ihnen and Jean Berger represented the IGHS AU.

Members were introduced and a review of Committee purpose was given. Committee was reminded concerns should be forwarded to a Committee member or to the IGHS AU.

Ihnen informed Committee the 2019 tournament series was another exciting year. Rain forced play indoors at some venues. This is the first year the IGHS AU charged admission for all spectators at the state level. Very few complaints were heard. Berger stated the admission charges paid for trainers at each site and helped defray costs for some schools where indoor facilities were needed.

Ihnen thanked Kevin Skillett and the Bettendorf community for the use of their new, excellent facility. The IGHS AU wishes to thank the University of Iowa for the use of their outstanding venue. Iowa is fortunate to play in great facilities!

Question was raised if weather were a factor would schools play their first round of post-season at an indoor facility, or is cost a concern. Petersen feels it is a definite concern with some smaller schools. Committee concur some schools are comfortable playing indoors, but not all. Committee feels if play is questionable due to weather, upon mutual agreement by competing school administrators, schools can play indoor during the first round of post-season tournaments. This will be stressed in the pre-season rules meeting.

Ihnen stated playing the first to five at all levels is better for athletes and pushes for short sets and short play.

Correspondence was received from Dave Will, Waterloo Columbus Catholic regarding increasing the number of playing dates from 12 to 14. Committee discussed at length and is satisfied with the current number of dates allowed. Committee acknowledged the ruling states the TEAM limit is 12, and the INDIVIDUAL limit is 12. Committee discussed the increase in playing dates but feel there are options for coaches with our current guidelines. The INDIVIDUAL limitation will be stressed in the pre-season rules meeting.

The 2020 and 2021 state tournament sites were released:

2020

2A	Johnston	Singles, Doubles, Team
1A	Norwalk	Singles, Doubles
	Ankeny	Team

2021

2A	University of Iowa	Singles, Doubles
	Ankeny	Team
1A	Byrnes Park, Waterloo	Singles, Doubles
	Johnston	Team

Ihnen stated both outdoor and indoor facilities and hotel accommodations are very important in securing a state tournament. The IGHS AU realizes it is nice to utilize various locations around the state as it is important for communities to showcase their amenities.

Berger stated the AdHoc Committee will officially release results of their findings in September. Berger stated a recommendation of a “dead week” will be held on Week 4 of the Unified Calendar. A few sports seasons will be adjusted. Tennis and soccer seasons will be aligned, including state tournament play. The IGHSAU will be working on a schedule to help alleviate conflicts with those who dual-sport.

The Committee was informed of the new trophies given this year to state singles and doubles champions and of the new coins with stand. Berger stressed to Committee if there are other ideas in awarding participants to contact the IGHSAU.

Under Tennis Manual changes, the following items were discussed:

Page 4, #12: Motion by Petersen, second by Dovre to add a second sentence: This 10-minute time out does NOT apply to one who is regulating a pre-existing medical condition. E.g. a diabetic condition. A doctor’s note must accompany the athlete to matches in case a question arises. Motion passed unanimously.

Page 6, #1: Committee discussed the minimum number of players needed to start a competition. Motion by Jilek, second by Petersen to discuss this topic among peers and table this for next year’s meeting. Unanimously approved.

Page 7, #5: Of question is the third sentence stating the “team line-up must remain the same for the remainder of the day”. Committee discussed once play is started and weather becomes a factor and play must be postponed, can the line-up be changed? Motion by Petersen, second by Dovre and unanimously approved to add: This would include a second match of a double-dual that is moved to another day, but is still a continuation and the team line-up must remain the same.

Ihnen will stress on the pre-season rules meeting item on Page 4, #14 that the maximum number of dates of high school competition which a GIRL can play in a regular season is 12. Skillett feels the way the rule is stated provides a school flexibility and athletic directors need to make sure they are not over-scheduling. Ihnen will make sure the wording on the IGHSAU website clarifies this and Berger will stress this in the athletic directors’ meetings.

The State Co-Ed Tournament was briefly discussed. Ihnen stated the number of participants remains constant and feel this tournament is a great environment for Iowa high school athletes. Dovre stated her athletes look forward to the tournament and it’s a great experience.

Skillett expressed his gratitude to Shawn Petersen and Stuart Dusenberry on the great job of tournament administration at his facility. Ihnen expressed the IGHSAU’s appreciation to Michele Conlon and Caleb Recker at the University of Iowa.

Committee wishes to extend their appreciation to Skillett and Dovre for their years of service to the Tennis Advisory Committee.

With no further business, **motion to adjourn by Jilek, Petersen second and unanimously approved.**

The date for the 2020 Tennis Advisory meeting is undecided, but the IGHSAU prefers the meeting date to be prior to the start of the new school year.

Heidi Reed
Recorder