

Tennis
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
December 14, 2010
AIA OFFICE

Call to order: 1:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Toni Corona/1A Adm.
Al O'Campo/3A Adm.
John Park/3A Adm.
Ray Unger/4A Adm.
Dale Nicol/4A Adm.

Mark Swenson/1A Coach
David Towne/2A Coach
Rhonda Sear/3A Coach
Rick Wanta/5A Coach

Others in Attendance:

Dan Nero/Corona Adm.

Members absent:

John Blabe/2 A Adm.
Jeff Feldman/4A Adm.
Steve Harris/5A Adm.
Corey Newland/5A Adm.

Donna Stossel/2A Coach
Helene Whitman/3A Coach
Jennifer Fowler/4A Coach
Jeff Southwick/4A Coach
Barb Saunders/5A Coach

Minutes of October 1, 2010 meeting review: committee approved 9-0

Discussion Agenda Items:

*** Criteria for a member school to request a team schedule for 2011-2012**

Ron Halbach shared that, over the past three years, some member schools participated in AIA regular season and post-season competition, but did not have enough players in their program to constitute a team in the team regular season format or the AIA State Tennis Team Tournament format. The AIA computerized scheduling system will be creating schedules for tennis utilizing the three division and three sections/division reconfiguration, based on the recommendations of the Computerized Scheduling Focus Group (see minutes: http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/Meeting_Minutes_Computer_Scheduling_Focus_Group_Dec_10_2010_1292346444.pdf) and review of recommendations by the AIA Executive Board.

Under the AIA State Tournament reconfiguration, three division levels of AIA Team Tennis championships will be played, utilizing a sixteen team bracket for both the boys/girls tournaments. All regular season team tennis competition between AIA member schools will be reported and teams will be power ranked, by division. Each division will have three sections, with each section qualifying three teams to the AIA State Tournament bracket based on their power rank in the section. The nine automatic qualifiers, plus seven at-large qualifiers, will make up the sixteen team state tournaments and be seeded according to their power rank.

Due to the impact, on the power rank, of a school playing a team format schedule and automatically losing due to not having enough players to play six singles matches and three doubles matches in the contest, the following question is raised with the committee: For 2011-2012, what must the minimum team make-up for a school boys or girls team be to request an AIA regular season team format for their school team?

Recommendation:

Committee consensus (9-0 approve) recommendation to the AIA Executive Board the following;

An AIA member school must anticipate having a minimum of six players (in order to play six singles and three doubles matches) for team format competition for the 2011-2012 AIA spring tennis season to request an AIA regular season computerized schedule and compete for qualification to the AIA State Team Tournament.

Schools that do not meet that criteria may still compete with their school's tennis players by creating independent schedules that would not be counted toward power rank or in invitational tournaments. Players from these school would still qualify to play in the AIA Individual (Singles/Doubles) State Tournament at their assigned division level.

***Power rank tie breaking procedures for sectional qualifying and state tournament seeding**

Ron Halbach shared present Conference tie breaking procedures that are in place for breaking ties to seeding AIA State team tournament. He expressed the need, for the team sport advisory committees to discuss, evaluate and recommend, to The AIA Executive Board, a tie breaking procedure that could be utilized across the entire spectrum of team sports and Divisions.

Following the discussion and evaluation of tie breaking criteria, the committee created a tie breaking procedure for the scenario of two or more school teams being tied in power rank points.

Recommendation:

Committee consensus (9-0 approve) recommendation to the AIA Executive Board the following tie breaking procedure;

1. Head to Head competition
2. Win/Loss percentage against common opponents
3. Total opponent victory points

4. Win/Loss percentage in the assigned division
5. Win/Loss percentage in the assigned section
6. Playoff game involving tied teams, if breaking the tie will result in a team(s) being kept out of the tournament.
7. Coin flip if only for seeding position in the tournament

***2010-2011 Individual Tournament Seeding Criteria**

Ron Halbach explained the 2010-2011 AIA Tennis State Individual Tournaments, under the AIA Tournament reconfiguration process will utilize the three divisions (as determined for the 2010 – 2011 school year ; see

http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/AIA_Divisions_for_Individual_Sports_by_Enrollment_2010_2011_1282602721.pdf) assignment of school for the 2010-2011 AIA State Tennis Individual Tournament. Each of the three division brackets (singles and doubles) will utilize a 128 slot bracket with eight slots (singles or doubles teams) seeded.

For the 2010-2011 AIA State Tennis Individual Tournament, a recommendation is necessary from the AIA Tennis Advisory group for the seeding criteria that will be utilized to seed the tournaments. In the past, each conference has their own state individual seeding criteria.

Recommendation:

Committee consensus (9-0 approve) recommendation to the AIA Executive Board the following seeding criteria for the 2010-2011 AIA State Tennis Individual Tournament;

1. AIA competition season record
2. AIA competition head to head record
3. USTA Junior rank

***Review of AIA Bylaws; Article 28-Tennis**

The committee reviewed and discussed the tennis specific bylaws and, by consensus, recommended the following:

ARTICLE 28

TENNIS

28.1 RULES

28.1.1 The rules in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions will apply in all matches.

28.1.1.1 EXCEPTION: USTA age groupings do not apply.

28.1.1.2 EXCEPTION: The following exceptions to the USTA Conduct Rule shall apply:

- First offense is point penalty.
- Second offense is game penalty.
- Third offense is disqualification.
- There is no carry over from one match to another.

28.1.1.3 **EXCEPTION:** The following exceptions to the USTA Injury Rule shall apply:

- Five minutes to get trainer (or coach) to court.
- Two minutes to diagnose injury or illness.
- Three minutes to treat.
- Ninety seconds on changeover does not count toward the above minutes.
- Lack of conditioning injuries are included in this rule.

***DETERMINATION:** The AIA Executive Board recommends school administrators to advise coaches to adhere to USTA regulations during any interscholastic tennis competition. Coaches, through their administrators, should report any violation to the AIA office. (Ex. Bd. 4/78)*

28.1.2 School athletic programs at all levels are subject to disciplinary action when a school team is removed from the floor or field prior to completion of the contest.

28.1.3 See Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules regarding amateur standing.

28.2 SEASON OF SPORT

28.2.1 The AIA Standardized Calendar shall be used to identify the starting week for practice, competition and the conclusion of post-season competition.

28.2.2 The season of competition for a school shall conclude with that school's last AIA sanctioned competition.

28.2.3	<u>Fall Season</u> (Freshman)	Practice Competition Championship	no sooner than the no sooner than the to be concluded by the	6th week 9th week 23rd week
	<u>Spring Season</u> (1A/2A/3A)	Practice Competition Championship	no sooner than the no sooner than the to be concluded by the	32nd 31st week 35th 34th week 45th 44th week
	<u>Spring Season</u> (4A)	Practice Competition Championship	no sooner than the no sooner than Friday of the to be concluded by the	32nd week 34th week 45th week
	<u>Spring Season</u> (5A)	Practice Competition Championship	no sooner than the no sooner than the to be concluded by the	30th week 33rd week 43rd week

~~28.2.3.1 Check Conference Handbook for specific dates.~~

28.3 SCHEDULES

- ~~28.3.1 Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the AIA Bylaws.~~
- ~~28.3.2 When a Conference approves the master schedule, individual schools must participate in the master schedule to be eligible for the post-season tournament.~~
- ~~28.3.3 In the absence of a master schedule, a school must have a regularly organized program to qualify for the post-season tournament. (See Article 12)~~
- ~~28.3.1~~
28.3.4 If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one match. The additional match shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

28.4 NUMBER OF MATCHES IN SEASON

- 28.4.1 No school shall schedule more than 16 varsity matches, including two invitationals, each of which shall count as one match.
- 28.4.1.1 ~~EXCEPTION: No 1A/2A/3A conference school shall schedule more than 16 varsity matches, including three invitationals, each of which shall count as one match.~~
- 28.4.2 No ~~1A/2A/ 3A Conference~~ school shall schedule more than ~~12~~ 16 junior varsity or ~~ten~~ 16 freshman matches per team.
- ~~28.4.3 No 4A/5A Conference school shall schedule more than 16 junior varsity or 12 freshman matches per team.~~
- ~~28.4.3~~
~~28.4.4~~ No player shall participate in more than 16 matches per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.
- ~~28.4.4.1 EXCEPTION: 2A Conference schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of matches per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.~~
- ~~28.4.4.2 EXCEPTION: 3A Conference schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.
Example: If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.~~

28.5 CONTEST PARTICIPATION

- 28.5.1 When a student enters an interscholastic contest, regardless of the length of time, it shall be considered participation in the interscholastic contest.

28.6 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

- 28.6.1 Any school, ~~regardless of Conference membership,~~ may play any other school in the state which is in good standing.
- 28.6.2 An interschool match shall consist of six singles matches and three doubles matches. Players may play singles, doubles, or both singles and doubles within each of the various levels (varsity, junior varsity and freshman).
- 28.6.3 Should a team fail to appear with six players for the individual matches, a default will be granted for each individual match not played
- 28.6.4 Tennis players shall compete with players on the opposing team with the same rank. When a regular team member is unable to participate in his/her established position, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members, whether they be varsity, junior varsity or freshman.

- 28.6.5 Freshman tennis players may also participate in junior varsity or varsity competition during the school year.
- 28.6.6 The home team shall furnish two new official USTA balls for each individual varsity match.
- 28.6.7 Individual matches for boys and girls shall consist of no more than three sets.
- 28.6.8 The 12-point tie breaking procedures will be observed for all ~~meets~~ matches and locations.

~~28.6.9 The AIA sanctions all USTA tournaments in Arizona.~~

28.7 COACHES / COACHING

- 28.7.1 The AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams during the summer vacation period. Summer vacation shall be identified as beginning with the last day of school 47th week and extending to the first day of permissive football practice for each Conference.
- 28.7.2 Coaches may coach their own teams and/or team members beyond the first day of permissive football practice, providing the team is participating in a summer league playoff match or tournament.
- 28.7.3 Coaches / Players - Match participation outside the season of sport between coaches and players of a single school for fund raising or entertainment purposes will not jeopardize the eligibility of any high school player.

28.8 SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- 28.8.1 The only school equipment which may be used out-of-season is weightlifting equipment and the tennis facilities, which includes nets.
- 28.8.2 School Transportation During Summer - School provided transportation for summer activities is a local option.

28.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

~~28.9.1 Region Tournaments~~

- ~~28.9.1.1 Regional qualifiers for the post-season tournament shall be determined by each Conference.~~
- ~~28.9.1.2 A singles player competing in a regional match may not play a doubles match.~~
- ~~28.9.1.3 No tennis player shall be permitted to warm up at the site of a qualifying post-season tournament prior to going on the court for a scheduled competition on the days of the tournament.~~
- ~~28.9.1.3.1 EXCEPTION: Rule 28.9.1.3 does not apply to 5A Conference schools.~~

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~~28.9.2~~ Post-Season Tennis Championships

NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.

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28.9.1.1 Dates and Sites

~~28.9.2.1.1 Conferences may recommend the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.~~

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~~28.9.2.1.2~~

The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of post-season tournaments.

28.9.2.2 There shall be Individual Champions and Team Champions for both boys and girls.

28.9.2.2.1 There shall be individual and/or team post-season tournaments as determined by the Executive Board.

28.9.2.2.1.1 Losers in the semifinal round shall play a consolation round.

28.9.2.2.1.1.1 Winner of the consolation round shall be awarded third place in the post-season tournament and the loser shall be awarded fourth place.

28.9.2.2.2 Team Tennis Champions - ~~There shall be separate scoring systems used to determine the 1A, 2A-3A, 4A and 5A Team Tennis Champions.~~

~~28.9.2.2.2.1 The 1A Post-Season Team Tennis Tournament shall use a 5-3-2-1 scoring system for first through fourth places in determining the Post-Season Team Tennis Champion.~~

~~28.9.2.2.2.1.1 One team advancement point shall be scored for each match won in the championship bracket except for the final first and third place matches.~~

~~28.9.2.2.2.1.2 If a competitor receives a bye in the first round, one advancement point will be awarded for that round if he/she wins his/her next match.~~

~~28.9.2.2.2.1.3 No points are awarded for a bye if the competitor loses the next match. A forfeiture will be scored as a match won.~~

~~28.9.2.2.2.1.4 Team Tennis Championships shall be determined by combining advancement and placement points.~~

28.9.2.2.2.1 The ~~2A/3A/4A/5A~~ 1A/2A/3A Division Conference Team Tennis Championship shall be determined by a post-season team playoff format.

28.9.2.2.3 Spectators shall not be permitted inside the fenced area.

28.9.3 Awards - The AIA shall be responsible for the purchase and standardization of all post-season tournament awards. (See Article 13, Section 13.1)

28.9.4 Practice on Site - A practice or competition on the site of the ~~Region or~~ Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the ~~Region or~~ Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

DETERMINATION: The host school may participate at the site only if that is their regular practice site. (Ex. Bd. 10/24/77)

~~DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Board determined that no student, as a member of a country club, may play, under any circumstances, on the site of the post-season tournament the week preceding the tournament. (Ex. Bd. 10/24/77)~~

~~28.9.4.1 EXCEPTION: Rule 28.9.4 does not apply to 5A Conference schools.~~

28.9.5 Protests

28.9.5.1 In the event of a question or a protest during a qualifying match or post-season tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director and/or ~~Tournament Games~~ Committee shall be final.

28.9.5.2 Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the current edition of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Rules of Tennis & Cases and Decisions.

DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Board reviewed the action taken at its 1/22/79 meeting concerning two individuals participating as a doubles in tennis and badminton and added the following to clarify the interpretation:

A student who is a member of the high school tennis or badminton team shall not compete for or with any other group, club, organization or association during the interscholastic season of competition.

*Two singles tennis players participating in doubles does not constitute a team.
(Ex. Bd. 2/26/79)*