

# MHSTeCA Spring Newsletter

LP Girls	State Champion	Coach of the Year	Miss Tennis Nominees
Division 1	Northville	Brian Miska <i>Troy</i>	Davina Nguyen <i>Utica</i>
Division 2	Birmingham Seaholm	Lincoln Wirgau <i>Bloomfield Hills Marian</i>	Emily Struble <i>Okemos</i>
Division 3	Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood	Andrew Schrand <i>Yale</i>	Julia Formentin <i>Grosse Ile</i>
Division 4	Academy of the Sacred Heart	Judy Hehs <i>Academy of the Sacred Heart</i>	Calla Ramont <i>Lansing Catholic</i>
UP Boys			
Division 1	Kingsford		
Division 2	Westwood / Iron Mountain		



MHSCA Coach of the Year:

**Judy Hehs**

**110 All-Academic Certificates issued for Spring 2015!**

**[Click here for 2015 Spring All-Academic list](#)**

Be sure to apply for your team next fall or spring!

[Click here for All-Academic instructions and the application](#)

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- Information on how to become a part of the MHSTeCA group on Facebook!
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- "Information on the MHSTeCA Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program!"

MHSTeCA Miss Tennis:

**Davina Nguyen**



## Important Upcoming Dates

- Fall Boys Tennis Season Begins (LP): Practice – **August 12** First Contest – **August 19**
- Fall Girls Tennis Season Begins (UP): Practice – **August 12** First Contest – **August 19**
- MHSAA Coaches Rules Meeting: Available – **August 10** Deadline – **September 17**  
Subvarsity and Assistant Coaches have met rule meeting or risk management course requirements
- MHSAA Requirement beginning Fall 2015 for all Varsity Coaches to have CPR Certification – **September 17**  
[\\*Click here for CPR Certification FAQ](#)
- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Tennis Workshop, **February 5-6**, 2015, Troy Marriot
- General Membership Meeting, Saturday, **February 6**, 2015, 7:31 a.m., Troy Marriot
- Hall of Fame Banquet, Friday, **February 5**, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Troy Marriot  
[\\*Contact Gary Ellis \(gellis@alleganps.org\) if you are not attending workshop but would like to attend Banquet](#)

## Court of Appeals

**Question:** At my daughter's tennis tournament, her opponent took her water bottle with her onto the court and placed it near the back tarp. Between points she would periodically take a drink, but didn't delay the game. Is this allowed by USTA rules?

**FINAL CALL:** This is allowed if when the player was serving, she did not violate the 20 seconds between points and as a receiver, was following the reasonable pace of the server. As you stated, this action did not delay play so it is permissible.

**Question:** A player is about to hit their second serve (ball had been tossed and serve in motion) when the opponent yells out "stop" because he thinks a ball was coming on court. The server catches the ball. They wait a moment, but the ball never rolls on court. Does the server get a first or second serve?

**FINAL CALL:** In this scenario, the server is entitled to a first serve. The interruption, as you described it, happened while they were in motion. An interruption during the delivery of a second service gives the server a first service. ITF Rules of Tennis #23; USTA Comment 23.1.

**Question:** During a tournament doubles match, my partner dropped her racquet in the middle of a point. I was able to back her up and get to the next ball while she recovered, picked up her racquet and moved back into position. Could our opponents have called a let and restarted the point or claimed it based on being hindered?

**FINAL CALL:** Dropping a racquet is not grounds for a let to be called or for someone to claim a hindrance. Dropping the racquet is considered not to be "sufficiently unusual" for hindrance or let to be called. A similar situation is reference in the Friend at Court in USTA Comment 22.1: Dropping the racquet is not the same thing as a ball falling out of a pocket or a hat flying off.

*Court of Appeals adopted from USTA*

Rules questions can be sent to [coach.sophiea@has-k12.org](mailto:coach.sophiea@has-k12.org). The best questions will be included in the next issue of the MHSTeCA newsletter and answered in the "Court of Appeals" section.

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## FACEBOOK

MHSTeCA is now on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, just type in **Michigan High School Tennis Coaches** in the white space near the top of your page (says **Search** in the space). Click on **Request to Join** button and you should get approval shortly. If you are not on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com> and set up an account.

## DIRECT MHSTeCA LINKS

Discussion Forum - <http://www.mhsteca.org/discussionforum.html>

All-State - <http://www.mhsteca.org/springstate.html>

Regional Coach of the Year - <http://www.mhsteca.org/springcoach.html>

Century Club - <http://www.mhsteca.org/club.html>

QuarterCentury Club - <http://www.mhsteca.org/clubq.html>

Tournaments - <http://www.mhsteca.org/tennis.html>

For questions, comments or suggestions regarding the MHSTeCA newsletter contact Will Sophiea [coach.sophiea@has-k12.org](mailto:coach.sophiea@has-k12.org)

# Mentoring Program

## **Are you new to coaching tennis? OR, are you a long-time tennis coach who knows how to build and run a successful program?**

The MHSTeCA Mentoring Program can help make a connection between coaches who have a wealth of knowledge to share and new coaches who could benefit from that experience. If you are interested in participating on either side of this program – mentor or mentee – contact **Jim Niebling** at [jniebling@portlandk12.org](mailto:jniebling@portlandk12.org)

Here is what others are saying about it:

*“I think it's a great idea and an effective program. It gave me a contact/someone when I wasn't sure where to turn. It was great to bounce ideas off of Mike and to see what he does and how he handles things.”*

- Kendra Eicher – Sturgis Girls Tennis

*“I had a great experience because my mentor is very dedicated, detailed oriented and has fantastic communication skills. ... This is a great program to create better coaches”*

- Cindy Forth – Algonac Boys Tennis / Dakota Girls Freshmen Tennis

*“I believed in this program and still do. I hear stories of obvious coaching mistakes by new coaches who are not aware of the rules or procedures as we all were at one time or another unless we had a mentor leading us along.”*

- Mike McGinnis, Lakeview Boys & Girls Tennis

*“I have felt that the mentoring program was very successful for me because it gave me back up support. As a player and a teaching pro I am always looking for something new to learn. As I took over the coaching position in DeWitt it was nice to have support of other coaches that I could talk to. I still have many questions of ways to do things that may be beneficial to my players and my school.”*

- Steve Surtman, DeWitt Boys Tennis