

MHSTeCA Fall Newsletter

LP Boys	State Champion	Coach of the Year	Mr. Tennis Nominees
Division 1	Bloomfield Hills and Novi	Greg Burks <i>Bloomfield Hills</i>	Connor Johnston <i>Northville</i>
Division 2	GR Forest Hills Central and Portage Central	Will Sophia <i>Holly</i>	Jordan Jacobsen <i>Okemos</i>
Division 3	Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood	Jerry Escheck <i>Carleton Airport</i>	Marc Sable <i>BH Cranbrook Kingswood</i>
Division 4	Ann Arbor Greenhills	Eric Gajar <i>Ann Arbor Greenhills</i>	Luke Ford <i>Ostego</i>
UP Girls			
Division 1	Negaunee		
Division 2	Munising		



MHSCA Coach of the Year:
Eric Gajar

MHSTeCA Mr. Tennis:
Connor Johnston
Northville High School



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84 All-Academic Certificates issued for Fall 2015!

Click [HERE](#) the list!

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

Click [HERE](#) for instructions and the application.

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- “Court of Appeals”
- Information on how to become a part of the MHSTeCA group on Facebook!
- Direct MHSTeCA Website Links

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- “Information on the MHSTeCA Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program!”

Important Upcoming Dates

- Spring Girls Tennis Season Begins (LP): Practice – **March 14** First Contest – **March 21**
- Spring Boys Tennis Season Begins (UP): Practice – **March 14** First Contest – **March 21**
- MHSAA Coaches Rules Meeting: Available – **February 8** Deadline – **April 14**
Subvarsity and Assistant Coaches have met rules meeting or risk management course requirements
- MHSAA Requirement beginning Fall 2015 for all Varsity Coaches to have CPR Certification
*For FAQ click [HERE](#)
- 40th Annual Detroit Tennis Workshop, **February 5-6**, 2015, Troy Marriott
*All coaches who pre-register for the two-day workshop will receive a complimentary MHSTeCA shirt. Shirts will be available in both men's and women's styles. Send size and gender style to Gary Ellis at gellis@alleganps.org after submitting your registration form to Bob Wood.
- General Membership Meeting, Saturday, **February 6**, 2015, 7:31 a.m., Troy Marriott
- Hall of Fame Banquet, Friday, **February 5**, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Troy Marriott
*Contact Gary Ellis at gellis@alleganps.org if you are not attending workshop but would like to attend Banquet

For more coverage on Michigan High School Tennis visit the [MHSTeCA](#) website!

Court of Appeals

Question: During my match, there was a ball on my side of the court. My opponent insisted that I pick it up even though it was out of the way and not bothering me. According to the rules, must I pick it up?

Answer: The Code #42 states, "Each player is responsible for removing stray balls and other objects from the player's end of the court. Whenever a ball is not in play, a player must honor an opponent's request to remove a ball from the court or from an area outside of the court that is reasonably close to the lines." So yes, in most cases the request must be honored.

Question: I was playing a singles match this weekend. During a rally, I yelled "Oh No!" when I thought the ball I hit would land long, but it didn't. It landed inside the baseline. He claimed a hindrance so I offered to replay the point, but he claimed that he should have gotten the point. Should we have replayed the point or did he win the point?

Answer: Sections 33 & 34 of The Code address hindrances in unofficiated matches. If your opponent stopped play and claimed the hindrance as soon as possible, then he was entitled to claim the point. Singles players should not talk during points.

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?

Answer: 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.

Court of Appeals adopted from USTA

Rules questions/issues can be sent to wmsophia@gmail.com. The best questions will be included in the next issue of the MHSTeCA newsletter and answered in the "Court of Appeals" section.

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, click [HERE](#) and set up an account.

DIRECT MHSTeCA LINKS

[Discussion Forum](#)
[All-State](#)
[Regional Coach of the Year](#)
[Century Club](#)
[QuarterCentury Club](#)
[Tournaments](#)

For questions, comments or suggestions regarding the MHSTeCA newsletter contact Will Sophia at wmsophia@gmail.com

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

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