

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

See Page 2 for:

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

See Page 3 for:

- "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
- 40th 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. 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, 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

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