

IHSTCA Newsletter

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August

2021

Dear Members:

Can you believe another school year is upon us? I certainly cannot believe it. I imagine each of you are doing the dance between dreading going back and excited to start a new school year like I am today. I wish all our girls coaches' good luck this fall season.

Two quick things: A Google Doc will be available for coaches' to list any open tournament dates later this week. Next, the Winter Workshop is February 4, 2022. Be on the lookout for that information by the end of the month. We have a speaker that has won 2 Olympic gold medals and 15+ grand slam titles to their name speaking this year! Wonder who it could be. . .

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BOYS' COACH OF THE YEAR FORMS

Those coaches who received nominations form for Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach of the Year, this is the last call you turn paperwork for this honor. **Deadline is Friday, August 20, 2021.** If you have questions, contact Carrie Watson cawatson@marionunit2.org

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IMPORTANT DATES

Girls Tennis

Practices Start	August 9
First Contest (Week 7)	August 19
List of Participants Deadline	October 12
Sectional Seeding Meeting	October 13
Sectionals	October 15-16
Pitchford Award Nominations	October 17
State Finals	October 21-23
Season Ends	October 30
IHSTCA Winter Workshop	February 4, 2022

COVID GUIDELINES

The IHSA recommend that coaches work with their local athletic departments under the direction of school administrators and local health departments.

COVID-19 Update – The IHSA is deferring to [IDPH's All Sports Policy](#)

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/All%20Sports%20Policy%2020210810.pdf>

PITCHFORD AWARD

Tom Pitchford was a catalyst in making our state's tennis tournament as great as it is. He embodied fair play, team play, and exceptional sportsmanship. This award is also in honor of former coaches: Sarah Pate of Glenbrook North and Mike McConville of Hersey High School.

The Tom Pitchford award nominees generally nominated by the player's coach. Judges for these outstanding nominees are coaches from throughout the state.

Class A: Eric Rodriguez - Vernon Hills High School

This is what his coach had to say about him:

“Since joining the varsity squad as a freshman, Eric’s positive personality has allowed him to thrive and become a captain his senior year. Eric expects much of himself and shows his leadership through his on-court demeanor. Eric leads warm-ups, shows how to prepare properly for practices, and matches for all three tennis levels. During matches, Eric continues to exemplify positive behavior for his teammates to emulate.”



Congratulations Eric!

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Class AA: Max Bengtsson - New Trier High School

Adjectives such as supportive, humble, genuine and respectful color Max's personality from those who know him. Max is very accommodating when playing an opponent proven by an event from this past season's match with Benet. Max agreed to replacing the second set of his match with a foot race against his opponent, who was a strong cross-country runner, with a 1 mile race around the high school's track. Coach Eckert's recap of this event was that it was "Pitchford level sportsmanship – of both players, actually – due to Max's willingness to take on a coaches challenge for the betterment of his opponent."



Congratulations Max!

PITCHFORD NOMINATIONS

To nominate a male player, please send your nomination to Matt Goss by **Sunday, October 17, 2021**

FORM:

<http://www.ihstca.org/assets/uploads/documents/IHSTCA%20Sportsmanship%20nomination%20form.pdf>

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