

IHSTCA Newsletter

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Dear Members:

For those of you who have not used the TennisReporting system or just need a refresher course; I have provided you with the link to the video instructions.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8R4suLcLwIYdrTWqRvO3A/videos?disable_polymer=1

If you have problems with the system, please note those issues are completely out of my hands and must be addressed by TennisReporting. Below is the contact information for questions or issues you might be experiencing.

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Please see the columns from the IHSA and from TennisReporting regarding submissions of list of participants and postseason reporting.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Boys' List of Participants due	May 14, 2019
Sectional Seeding Meeting	May 15, 2019
Sectionals	May 18, 2019
State Final Seeding Meeting	May 21, 2019
State Finals	May 23-25, 2019
Boys' Season Ends	May 25, 2019
IHSTCA Summer Board Meeting	TBD-July

*The IHSA Dead Period for this summer is **August 5-11, 2019**. The IHSA calendar has it identified incorrectly ~ per Craig Anderson, IHSA Executive Director*

PITCHFORD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD NOMINEES

Coaches, if you have a male tennis player that demonstrates great sportsmanship, academic prowess, being a great team member, and is active in their school and community. The IHSTCA is asking for you to nominate that player for the Pitchford Award. Nominations must be in-hand on May 20 by 3:30.

Nominations form can be found at:

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

For more information or have questions, contact Matt Gross at mgross66@hotmail.com

OPEN POSITIONS

Bradley Bourbonnais High School is looking for a girl's assistant coach in the fall. Anyone interested can contact the athletic director Dirk Campbell at (815) 937-3707 ext 6046.

Saint Ignatius College Prep is seeking Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach for the Fall 2019 season. Looking to bring on-board an assistant to help run afternoon practice, manage matches and travel on the bus to practice and games. The season runs Aug. 12 to Oct. 26th. Here's the link to the job spec on the Ignatius website: <https://bit.ly/2I6Km4A>

New Trier High School has job opening for Girls Assistant Coach for Fall 2019. Contact New Trier Athletic Department or Jerry Morse-Karzen at (847) 858-0860 or Tennis@yahoo.com

Latin School Chicago has a Boys JV (2020) and Girls (2019) Tennis positions open. This is a paid position. Candidates should send a resume and references to Liz Tortorello-Nelson, Assistant Athletic Director, enelson@latinschool.org. Latin will pay for NFHS certification.

Highland Park High School is looking for a head girl's tennis coach. We have beautiful new courts and very competitive coaching stipends. Interested applicants should apply online at: <https://www.applitrack.com/dist113/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?category=Athletics%2FActivities> Please email Colleen Boilini (cboilini@dist113.org) with any questions.

OPEN DATES

Rock Bridge HS in Columbia, MO has two openings in an 8-team tournament girl's tournament on Saturday, Sept 28. Please contact Coach Ben Loeb; bloeb@cpsk12.org or call 573.268.8750 for more information.

Jacobs High School:

- Saturday, August 31: Looking to add two teams to our 16-Team Invite (2s/2d format)
- Tuesday, September 17: At Jacobs following conference dual
- Friday, October 4: Home or Away for our Varsity "B" Team

Please contact Jon Betts at jonathan.betts@d300.org

Warren Township: Seeking a girl's varsity team to add to quad on September 7, 2019. The format would be 3 singles and 4 doubles. If interested contact Vince Desecki at: vdesecki@wthns.net

Sterling High School Boys Tennis is seeking opponents for the 2020 season. We are switching conferences and have several open dates. We are willing to travel within reason--especially to play a quality matchup. If interested contact Mike Gottemoller, Sterling Boys Head Tennis Coach mgottemoller@sps5.org

Knox College is seeking players for the 2019-2020 school year:

Potential Women's Tennis players UTR 3-5 (4 spots):
https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb_output.aspx?frform=23&path=wten

Potential Men's Tennis players UTR 4-7 (2 spots):
https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb_output.aspx?frform=23&path=mten

**Application Fee waiver available.*

**Academic Scholarship money still available.*

Contact Coach Witherell (mlwitherell@knox.edu)
Cell (309) 371-8050



MESSAGE FROM IHSA: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Coaches; please be sure you are entering your players records on TennisReporting.com. For a refresher course or for first year coaches you may visit the link for a video tutorial:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KVKFt4YBmV_eAKA_GG0t6Ec01s9D6n2l/view

A set of instructions has been attached (*see tennis entries instructions*) regarding the use of TennisReporting.com to complete your online *list of participants (LOP)* to enter your eligible coaches, team or individual(s) and season record from tennisreporting.com into the IHSA state series.

The deadline for submitting your list of participants is:

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Midnight

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NEW this year:

ALL coaches will be submitting their postseason players via TennisReporting.com

During the weekend of May 11/12 the IHSA will **Invite** you to a **SECTIONAL EVENT**. When you log into TennisReporting.com you will now see this Invitation under your **MEETS** section.

For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the steps to the newsletter (see Postseason Reporting). If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact:

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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Josh Leighton – Deerfield



- *2016 IHSTCA Boys Coach of the Year
- *2014 IHSTCA Assistant Girls Coach of the Year
- *2003 USPTA HS Coach of the year-Midwest
- *IHSTCA Board of Directors

Josh has served as the boys head coach at Deerfield HS for 22 years and has coached the girls for the last seven years. Leighton was elected to the board of directors in 1999. He has served time fulfilling several positions; one of those is that of past-president. Today he sits on many of our committees such as: Publicity/Web Page, Coach of the Year Awards, and Hall of Fame. He is also the chairperson for both the Boy's All-State and the State Format Committees.

“Josh cares so much about the sport of tennis as well as our coaches association. From his time as president to the many other roles he has served, he has tried to improve tennis with a passion that few others can match.”

“As a tennis coach, he has shown the ability to work with the very top level players as well as moderately talented kids. He has very few peers as a tennis tactician.”

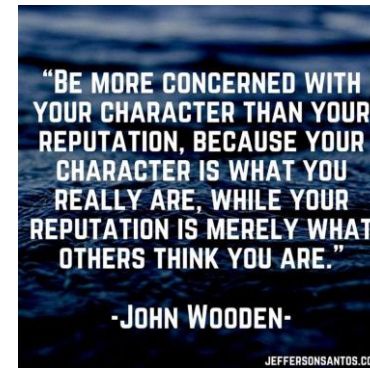
-Kelly Willard, Metamora

“I have enjoyed working on getting rules passed that have made the sport better for high school tennis (prohibiting the partner of the server jumping around the service box or standing in the service box) as well as informing other coaches of rule issues that have occurred in matches. At the same time, I like how we have worked together to try to better the state experience. Whether we are trying to move to two classes, expand the size of the tournament, increase the amount of time between matches, or have dialogue about sectional assignments, I think that we have tried to make the sport better within the rules of the IHSA.”-Josh Leighton

ACT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

An incredible act of sportsmanship was shown from Quincy High School senior tennis player Blake Hayden during the March 23 Troy Triad Invitational. To read the full story, click on the link:

https://www.whig.com/20190414/win-or-lose-be-a-good-sport-haydens-actions-bring-mantra-to-life?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter_WhigSports



If you have similar stories you would like to share, please email them to: cawatson@marionunit2.org

Try THIS to control your emotions on the court.

Have you ever struggled to control your emotions on the court?

I know there have been plenty of times where I was so frustrated during a match that I let my emotions get the best of me, often resulting in an unnecessary loss.

So this is what I have learned so over the years. We all think a little less clearly when we compete. The *fog of war* sets in and often we can think more clearly about what we should have done **after** a match than we can during the match.

Here is a cool story. I actually was told about this technique from one of our college players (Nancy). Her coach taught it to her and today I want to share it with you.

I have been teaching this little known trick to players for the past year and it has worked very well for most of them. It is called the **W.I.N method**. That stands for...

What's Important Now

So the lesson I have for you today is getting in the habit of asking yourself “**What's Important Now**” after every point.

This will go a long way in helping you stay focused on the present rather than allowing your mind to dwell in the past or wander into the future.

JORGE CAPESTANY.COM
USPTA pro

For more items from Jorge, please check out his YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TENNISDRILLSTV>

Or his webpage at: <https://www.jorgecapestany.com/>

PARTNER

By Bill Lange, teacher/tennis coach

We've been through a lot together,
hot and cold days,
wind and sun.

We've practiced; we've fought.

We've tried to do our best.

I know I am not perfect.

I have played well and

I have played terribly.

I just want you to know

that every practice, every match,

I gave my all.

I played each point

as well as I could.

I trusted you to do the same.

I did not question your ability

or your desire to do well.

I accepted you as my partner.

I accepted you during good

and during bad times.

All I want you to know is

that I enjoy playing the game with you.

Let's do our best

and support each other.

Let's make us a memorable team.

