

AGENDA

PSAC TENNIS COACHES' ANNUAL MEETING

Conference Call
August 30, 2011

Attendance: Marty Coyne – Bloomsburg; Pablo Montana – California; Lori Sabatose – Clarion; Lee Underwood – Edinboro; Larry Peterson – Indiana; Suresh Ramamurthi – Kutztown; Joe Kimball – Mercyhurst; Jerome Simon – Mercyhurst; John Tingley – Mercyhurst; Matt Meredith – Slippery Rock; Tina Tharp – West Chester; Jeff Michaels – Liaison/Shippensburg; Will Adair – PSAC; Carlin Chesick – PSAC.

- I. Sign In – Attendance was taken by roll call.
- II. Selection of Future Tournament/Match Sites – The sites for the 2012-13 championships were discussed. A final decision regarding the individual championships will be made on December 1, 2011. The decision regarding the team championships for that academic year will be made during the coaches' meeting/conference call during the fall of 2012.
- III. Official Ball for Following Year's Tournament – Wilson U.S. Open Extra Duty
- IV. Future Dual Match Schedules – Discussion took place regarding the importance of having the schedule/locations switching on alternate years. In addition, coaches stressed the importance of making sure all teams are visiting all schools in the conference. There was also discussion regarding whether or not divisional play could be held during the week in order to free weekends for regional competition.
- V. Review/Revise Sport Operating Code Reports – The operating code was discussed with the focus being on the following:
 1. Bylaw 1.2.2.1 was modified with East Stroudsburg and West Chester being switched. The justification for the change was to make sure that there was always diversity among committee members regarding divisions as well as representation of both men's and women's programs. The updated rotation should read: Mill, Ship, Edin, ESU, SRU, BU, Cal, WCU, Clar, KU, IUP, MC.
 2. Bylaw 2.1.4 was changed to the following: For matches played during the spring that count for postseason, here is the rain date policy:
 3. Bylaw 2.1.4.a was changed to the following: The match must be made up on the next common open date and each common open date thereafter for both teams.
- VI. Reports – No reports were presented.
- VII. Championships Information – Sites for 2011-12 were reviewed:

- A. Individual Championships – September 17-18, 2011 at Bloomsburg
- B. Team Championships – April 20-21, 2012 at Bloomsburg

VIII. Other Items

- A. Rotation and splitting of host site(s) for team championships – Montana – Extensive discussion took place regarding the potential for both splitting the team championships and rotating host sites. During the extended dialogue, a motion was made to modify the operating code with regard to minimum standards for hosting conference championships. Due to the scope of any potential changes to the current setup, a committee consisting of Marty Coyne of Bloomsburg, Pablo Montana of California, Lee Underwood of Edinboro, Larry Peterson of Indiana, and Suresh Ramamurthi of Kutztown was formed to discuss the issue in order to allow further investigation. The hope was for committee recommendations to be presented at the individual championships in September.
- B. Start both final matches of team championships at same time (only if site remains the same) – Montana – Discussion took place regarding the possibility of having both championship matches begin at the same time. Due to the need for 12 courts, Bloomsburg is currently the only site that could host such an event.
- C. Tennis facilities (specifically surface) should meet NCAA standards for divisional/conference dual matches – Montana – As a reminder, the coaches stressed the importance of having all courts used for conference matches be of a high standard.
- D. Format for dual matches (specifically, the schedule of play for a match on six courts) – Coyne – Discussion took place regarding what format should be used when only six courts are available. A conference school used a 3-3-3 format during the past academic year.
- E. Athletic trainers on site for matches – Coyne – Discussion centering on safety and student-athlete welfare took place. The focus was on the importance of having sports medicine professionals on site for conference matches.
- F. Tiebreaker rules for advancing to team championships – Coyne – Discussion took place regarding the current tiebreaking rules. The conference office provided modifications internally.
- G. Tiebreaker rules when mandated schedule is not completed – Adair – A somewhat lively discussion took place regarding the issue but no action took place.
- H. All-conference nominations and voting – Coyne – Discussion regarding modifications to the current nominating and voting procedures took place.
- I. Timeline for individual championships (when are entrants due plus all participants on-site at official start of tournament) – Coyne – Entrants for the 2011 PSAC individual championships are due to the conference office September 13 at 1 p.m.

- J. Officials present for third day of team championships – Coyne – Coaches reminded the conference office to ensure officials are available for all three days in the event the team championships are postponed.
- K. NCAA date change – Michaels – Open discussion took place regarding the potential change to NCAA postseason dates.

Motions:

Motion #1 – Slippery Rock, **SECOND** – Kutztown: The tournament host shall be added as a “wild card” member of the tennis committee. **PASSED 10-0-0 (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Mercyhurst, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor).**

Motion #2 – Slippery Rock, **SECOND** – Indiana: Bloomsburg will replace Shippensburg on the tennis committee for the 2011-12 academic year due to a coaching change; regular rotation will return in future years. **PASSED 10-0-0 (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Mercyhurst, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor).**

Motion #3 – Slippery Rock, **SECOND** – Kutztown: The tennis committee rotation will be modified with East Stroudsburg and West Chester being switched in the sequence. **PASSED 10-0-0 (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Mercyhurst, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor).**

Motion #4 – California, **SECOND** – Clarion: Any member school can host the team championships provided the institution has six courts and ITA-standard lighting. **PASSED 8-2-0 (California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Mercyhurst, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor; Bloomsburg, Shippensburg opposed).** (This changes the operating code under 3.1.2.1 which currently states: Any member school shall be eligible to host the tournament contingent upon approval of coaches, liaison and commissioner. A minimum of 9 courts in visible proximity to each other is required.)

Motion #5 – California, **SECOND** – Kutztown: In the case when a head coach does not have responsibility for teams competing in both the men’s and women’s finals, the championship matches for both genders will be played at the same time. **FAILED 5-5-0 (did not record exact breakdown).**

Motion #6 – Bloomsburg, **SECOND** – Clarion: Conference matches will be played using a 3-6 format unless agreed upon by both coaches. **PASSED 8-1-1 (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Mercyhurst, Shippensburg, and West Chester voted in favor; Kutztown opposed; Slippery Rock abstained).**

Motion #7 – Bloomsburg, **SECOND** – California: Athletic trainers are strongly encouraged to be on site but at a minimum be available on short notice for all conference

matches. **PASSED 9-1-0 (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Mercyhurst, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor; Shippensburg opposed).**

Motion #8 – Bloomsburg, **SECOND** – Indiana: Student-athletes must have at least a .500 winning percentage in all matches against PSAC opponents to be nominated for all-conference awards, and all coaches votes will be made public. **PASSED 8-1-1 (Bloomsburg, California, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor; Clarion opposed; Mercyhurst abstained).**

Motion #9 – Bloomsburg, **SECOND** – Kutztown: The brackets for the women's individual singles and doubles championships and the men's doubles championships will expand to eliminate byes. The women's individual bracket would move from 30 competitors to 32 competitors; the women's doubles field would increase from 13 teams to 16 teams; and the men's doubles bracket would move from six teams to eight teams. All additional slots would be based upon postseason success from the previous season; the men's individual field would remain as is because it is currently 16 players and thus a "full" bracket. **PASSED 9-0 (Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Mercyhurst, Slippery Rock, and West Chester voted in favor).**