

# DISCUSSION POINTS FOR PRE-MEET MEETING WITH TENNIS COACHES AND PLAYERS

The host coach should:

- ✓ Indicate the format and scoring that will be used for the meet.
- ✓ Discuss time outs, changeovers, breaks between sets, and the tie break procedure.
- ✓ Review when coaching can take place and that only coaches, or teammates, may talk to players during a match, including set breaks.
  - ✓ Have the head coach from each participating school introduce the school approved coaches from their school so there is no confusion regarding who is allowed to coach during the meet
- ✓ Remind coaches & players that the coach from any school may issue a sportsmanship warning to any player.
- ✓ Remind players and coaches to adhere to the 10-minute warmup period.
- ✓ Remind players the server must announce the score before every point, loudly enough for the receiver to hear.
- ✓ Ask players to confirm the match score on every changeover and, if score cards are being used, to change the score on every changeover.
- ✓ Emphasize that players are calling their own lines and should not allow spectators to influence their calls. Once a call has been made, it becomes history and everyone moves on!
- ✓ Remind players to avoid foot faults when serving.
- ✓ Ask players to leave the court when their match is over. They may watch any remaining matches with the other spectators.

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- ✓ In the event inclement weather causes play to stop the following procedure should be used:
  - ✓ If the host school's athletic director, or a tournament manager, is not present, the head coaches from the participating schools will jointly decide when to suspend play due to inclement weather, with the head coach from the host school having final authority.
  - ✓ Players are responsible for game score, match score, who was serving at the time of suspension, and from what court.
  - ✓ Coaches are responsible for notifying their respective athletic directors about the suspension of play so the athletic directors can discuss completing the suspended contest.