

2011 STATE BOYS TENNIS COACHES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30 2011

We had some discussions about the difference in the number of teams that participate in Boys tennis in the West and East. Currently there are 7 teams in the West and 9 teams in the East. There is some concern about one of the schools in the West not having tennis next Fall. That would then make it a 6 to 9 team difference. The discussion was focused on making it more equitable for the Athletes from both conferences to qualify for the State tournament. Coaches from both conferences agreed that there should be some way to make this work better if it stays at 9 and 7. Some suggestions were:

- ◆ Have 9 singles and 9 doubles teams from the East and 7 singles and 7 doubles teams from the West qualify for state.
- ◆ Have the number 5 East play 4 West in the team portion of the State tournament.

Another discussion was about starting our season one week further into August. This was so that some of our Summer Athletes will have a better chance of having enough practices in to be eligible at the start of the Tennis season.

We talked about the way we have ALL-STATE selected. We talked about having 17 award winners instead of 15. Here is the rational:

Currently we have 15 athletes recognized but they are determined by how they finish in the tournament making it more of an “all tournament” team. We would like to vote in 2 additional athletes to be recognized by the coaches. It is very possible that one of our better players may get injured during the team portion of the tournament and would not be able to participate in the individual tournament therefore not making it as an ALL-STATE player. As coaches, we feel that a player like that should still be recognized and this will give us the opportunity to recognize them.