



Oct 10, 2017

Dear Coach:

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2017 Lower Peninsula Boys' Division I Tennis Final! We are excited for you and your team and look forward to having you join us here in Midland for the October 21 & 21 competition. Please take a few minutes to read the following information, which should answer most of your immediate questions about the tournament.

**ALL matches will be played at the Greater Midland Tennis Center**

**1. Friday, Oct 20**

**8:00 am Mandatory Player & Coach Meeting, Outdoors on Court 20**

**8:30 am Matches begin**

**\* Teams will be allowed up to three coaches on Friday**

**2. Saturday, Oct 21**

**9 am Semifinals**

**Finals to follow (as players become available after rest time)**

**\* Teams will be limited to two coaches on Saturday**

**All Coaches Must Be Registered With MHSAA**

**Practice Court Information**

**Thursday Oct 19th**

**FREE OUTDOOR** Courts at the Tennis Center will be available **BY RESERVATION** – please email your requests to me at [tschilb@greatermidland.org](mailto:tschilb@greatermidland.org) . **No phone calls please**. Teams will be limited to 3 courts for 1 hour. Additional outdoor practice courts may be available at Midland High School or Dow High School.

**INDOOR COURTS** at the Tennis Center **cannot** be reserved for Thursday – first come, first served, walk on only. There will be few to no indoor courts available on Thursday and we strongly encourage teams to practice at home before coming to Midland if it may rain. If you want to try for indoor courts, please see our Welcome Center staff when you arrive at the tennis center for availability. Prevailing court rates will apply, and fees must be paid prior to getting the court assignment.

**Friday Oct 20**

Free Outdoor & Indoor practice courts will be available for on Friday morning **BY RESERVATION**. Please email your request to me at [tschilb@greatermidland.org](mailto:tschilb@greatermidland.org) **starting Monday October 16**. **No phone calls please**. Teams will be limited to two courts for thirty minutes: **2 indoor courts or 2 outdoor courts or 1 of each** (please indicate your time and location preferences in your email request). Individual qualifiers will be placed two to a court. Sunrise is 7:45 – we will begin reserving outdoor courts for 7:30 am, Indoor at 6 am.

**Please bring practice balls – Tennis Center Hoppers and Carts are Not Available**

## **LOCATION OF PLAY**

Friday all singles matches will play outside, doubles will be inside. Saturday all matches are outside.

## **POINT PENALTY SYSTEM**

USTA rules will apply except where MHSAA rules supersede them. USTA-certified officials will be onsite throughout match play, and USTA Code of Conduct will be enforced. The Point Penalty System will be in effect (first offense, warning; second offense, point; third offense, default).

## **TEAM UNIFORMS**

Proper tennis attire is required. Please refer to the Team Uniform requirements mandated by MHSAA.

Also included in this packet of information (**please provide copies to all of your players/parents**):

1. Tournament Information Sheet
2. Map and Driving Directions

This information is posted on our web site – [www.midlandtennis.com](http://www.midlandtennis.com) (under Tournaments). Please refer parents and spectators to this site. It will be very helpful for as many spectators as possible to know what is planned and what is expected before they get here. **Please instruct parents to contact you or a team representative with questions.**

Again, congratulations on a great season. We look forward to having you and your team here for an exciting two days of spirited completion.

Sincerely,

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