

May 10, 2018

Dear Coach:



Congratulations on qualifying for the 2018 Lower Peninsula Girls 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 June 1-2 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, June 1st

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, June 2nd

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 May 31

FREE OUTDOOR Courts at the Tennis Center will be available **BY RESERVATION** – please email your requests to me at 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 June 1st

Free Outdoor & Indoor practice courts will be available for on Friday morning **BY RESERVATION**. Please email your request to me at tschilb@greatermidland.org **starting Monday May 21. 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.

HOST HOTEL

The host hotel is Spring Hill Suites by Marriott (800 Joe Mann Blvd., Midland, MI 48642), just a few minutes from the tennis center. Please call the hotel directly at 989-837-2700 to make reservations.

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 (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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