

**Empire 8 Tennis Meeting
(Conference Call)
January 10th, 2012**

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Coaches: Bill Austin (*Ithaca*), Andrea Pontius (*Hartwick*), Phil Levkanich (*Elmira*), Paul Waida (*Nazareth*), Steve Gachko (*Stevens*), Linda Gohagan (*St. John Fisher*), Chris Yartym (*Alfred*). **Athletic Directors:** Pete Bothner (*Nazareth*) & Gil Burgmaster (*Utica*)

NOT PRESENT: John Nigro (*Coach/Utica*)

There was a change in schedule for the Men's Empire 8 Conference Tournament for the spring of 2012. Instead of the tournament being held in Rochester, it will take place at Ithaca College.

Sites for future Conference Tournaments were also discussed and decided on based on the proper rotation. They are as follows:

Fall 2012 – Nazareth will host

Spring 2013 – Stevens will host

Fall 2013 – Ithaca will host

Spring 2014 – Stevens will host

The 2012-2013 Women's & Men's proposed schedules (11.17.11) were briefly discussed. Coaches were informed that the dates and days did not match starting on **Tuesday, April 23** thru **Sunday, May 5th** on the **Men's 2013 schedule**.

It was agreed that any needed match date changes would be discussed privately between coaches. Paul Waida agreed to contact every coach in mid February, 2012 to document any changes. Paul would then forward any and all changes to Tim Farrell.

A rule from the ITA Regulation rule book pertaining to Coaching was briefly discussed and reviewed

The Rule States: *Conversations of coach with opposing player banned. A coach shall not initiate a conversation with the opposing player* or in any way get involved with an on-court problem, except at the request of a Solo Chair Umpire, tournament Referee, or the player or coach of the player involved. **At no time should a player initiate a conversation with an opposing coach.** Violation of these provisions by the coach are subject to the Coach's Code of Conduct, Violations by the player shall result in the application of the Point Penalty System.

The coaches agreed that it would be beneficial to keep this rule in mind to avoid future conflicts. Coaches were also urged to remind their team members of this rule during playing seasons.