



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Directors of Athletics and Head Men's Tennis Coaches at NCAA
Division III Institutions.

FROM: Rich Meckfessel, chair
Division III Men's Tennis Committee.

SUBJECT: Tennis Scoring System Survey.

In the spring of 2005, tennis coaches were surveyed to determine their opinion on the scoring systems used in Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships. Based on the results of this survey, the men's tennis committee recommended that the scoring system used in men's tennis be changed from the current 7-point system to the 9-point system that is currently used in the women's tennis championships.

At a meeting held at the final site of the 2006 championships, there was concern expressed by most of the 23 coaches in attendance that the results of the survey were not an accurate reflection of the coaching community as only approximately 40 percent of the men's coaches responded. There was also concern expressed that the coaches did not realize the importance of the survey or that a change to the scoring could be made based on the results of the survey. Due to these concerns, we are conducting a second survey. This survey is only being sent to the head coaches of men's tennis programs as it specifically involves the change in scoring in the men's tennis championships.

Please follow this direct link to the online survey:
<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225EB83UKVA>

Links to this survey may also be found on the men's tennis administration page of www.ncaa.org as well as the "NCAA Corner" of www.itatennis.com. Position statements written by coaches have been posted on the ITA website. I encourage you to visit this site for additional information.

Each institution is asked to complete this survey by Monday, July 3. Members of the national committee and the regional advisory committees will be contacting those institutions who fail to complete the survey. Our goal is to make sure that the voice of each men's tennis program is heard on this very important issue.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Chris Schneider, assistant director of championships at cschneider@ncaa.org or 317/917-6222 if you have any questions.

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cc: NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Committee

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