



Wasilla High School Tennis

Philosophy:

Participation in the co-ed tennis program is a privilege. Dedication, self-discipline, cooperation, and a solid work ethic is the foundation of a successful team. Good sportsmanship and respect for oneself and other members of the team will always be implemented in every practice and match play. Each player is expected to demonstrate a positive, exemplary attitude both on and off the court. Working hard in school, in practice and placing team goals ahead of personal goals are priorities.

Conduct

You are a representative of the Wasilla High School community. Be respectful and courteous of all people and represent your school with the utmost pride and dignity. Being poised and staying in control of your behavior is necessary in tennis. Practice it on and off the court.

Covid-19 Protocol:

Any player not feeling well, or symptomatic will be sent home immediately. If your son/daughter has a positive COVID-19 test, please contact me immediately. The information will be kept confidential amongst the team and forwarded to our Activities Director.

Practices:

You are expected to be punctual for all practices and remain for the entire time. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. Practices will be held at the Wonderland Park Tennis Courts Monday-Friday 3:00-5:00 unless otherwise noted. Excused absences could include, but not limited to, doctors' appointment (parent or doctor note), make-up work for a teacher (teacher note), and sitting out due to an injury (trainer or doctor note). Unexcused absences could include, but are not limited to, work (job), detention, after school, other disciplinary actions. Much of the team's success this season depends on each player's willingness to work hard in practice; therefore, 100% attendance is necessary. Three unexcused absences will result in a player not participating in the next match, and five unexcused absences will result in termination from the team.

Player Rank and Challenges:

At the beginning of the season, the coach will determine the initial rank of each player on the team based upon performance in the first week of practice. The top 10 ranked players will make up the varsity squad for matches unless changes by the coach are necessary. The remainder of the team will make up the junior varsity squad. Disciplinary actions or player conduct can result in players being lowered in rank.

The Role of a Tennis Spectator

Being a tennis spectator is not just like any other sport. You are expected to abide by the following sportsmanship guidelines. If you do not follow these guidelines, you put the tournament officials and your team coach in an uncomfortable situation. Additionally, spectators are expected to wear a face mask for all indoor and outdoor events. Spectators will be limited to comply with social distancing with parents given priority.

1. Do not clap or cheer an opponent's unforced error. If you do not understand the difference between an unforced error and a good shot by your player, then do not cheer. We do not want a match to become a matter of which crowd can cheer the loudest. This is very distracting to the players.
2. You cannot, in any way, assist the players with the match (scoring, line calls, rules, etc.).
3. Realize that you are watching the match from angles that differ from the players. Line calls are quite different to make as a tennis player. It is easy to criticize a player for making a bad call when you are standing still watching. These players are forced to officiate their own match, which always results in the player giving opponents many calls that may go against them.
4. Good sportsmanship means respecting the abilities of all players involved. It means giving credit to both sides – win or lose. The Wasilla High School Athletic Department, Tournament Officials, Coaches, and most of all the players thank you for your role in applying good sportsmanship in the stands.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Matches:

All regularly scheduled matches will begin at 3:00 pm. Players are responsible for transportation to and from matches. All players are expected to stay at the match until the completion of all individual matches. Because tennis is an outdoor sport, weather conditions may make it necessary to cancel and reschedule matches. Matches will be rescheduled by the school district athletic directors at the earliest convenience to both teams involved. Currently, all competition with out of MSBSD teams is on hold until further notice. As a coach, I look forward to a very productive and rewarding season. With everyone's cooperation, dedication, and challenging work, we can make great strides to accomplishing team goals. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to a fun and successful season.

Contact:

All contact will be completed through the Band app within the WHS Tennis account. Please see Coach Anderson for access to the application or any questions.

Jennifer Anderson, Head Coach

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Responsibilities:

Coaches

- Give all players a fair chance
- Coach to the best of knowledge and experience
- Give 100%
- Respect players and parents
- Build program
- Build for league team and individual champions
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship

Players

- Respect players and coaches
- Support teammates at all matches and tournaments
- Give 100%
- Be on time
- Be dependable to teammates and coaches
- Have a good attitude
- Perfect practice
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship

Parents

- Be supportive
- Always be positive with child
- Respect all players, parents, and coaches
- Feel free to approach coach with any suggestions
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Wear Red and cheer loud and appropriately

We have read and understand the **Player and Parent Contract** for the Wasilla High School Co-Ed Tennis team. Please sign and return the bottom portion to the coach.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Player

Date

