

Quick Reference Expectations

Paperwork/Fees/Deposits:

- Paperwork (contract/travel/contact information) due by August 12
- Team Fee due August 12
- Athletic fee to school due by August 12 (or payment plan arranged) or players will not participate in team events.
- Volunteer hours (part of eligibility for a Varsity letter) due September 20

To have with you every day:

- Water bottle (need to have this on the courts!) **Players need to have their name labeled on their water bottles (to avoid confusion/accidental sharing).**
- Appropriate gear (uniform/warm-ups/weather gear or practice gear), tennis shoes, socks
- All players need: hat/visor/eyewear! This is an outdoor sport and the sun is a factor!
- Appropriate equipment: racquet
- Players who do not have required equipment and/or are out of uniform are considered unprepared and essentially 'absent' from the day's events.

Safety:

- Players should not share racquets or water bottles.
- Gear/personal items will be kept off the court area along the fence. The only items allowed inside the court are the player's labeled water bottle and racquet.

Attendance:

- Practice start time is 'Go Time' - this means players are dressed, hydrated, ready-to-play at the assigned time. This means you may need to arrive 5-10 minutes early to change shoes, use the restroom, etc.
- Players are expected to be in **full attendance of practices/matches and events**. 1. We have limited time with you to actually coach. 2. We are a TEAM, and as such, we are present to support one another.
- For matches, PLAN on matches finishing at 6:30 pm. If we go over, we appreciate it if you stay and support your teammates, but realize that 6:30 pm is a reasonable release.
- For practices, PLAN on being there the entire time that you are scheduled. IF practice runs over, it is because we have not accomplished what we need to as a TEAM. This means that all players need to be ON-TASK at practices.
- Players who miss practice immediately prior to a match event will not participate in the scheduled event.
- Set-up/Clean-up: players will be assigned on a rotating schedule to manage set-up of facilities (equipment out and sanitized), and clean-up (equipment sanitized and put away). This means that you will need to arrive early and/or stay late periodically - plan for this.

If you must be tardy/absent for any reason: 1. Contact coach Christie as soon as you know. 2. Provide a reason for your absence. We realize that emergencies and illnesses occur, however, your coaches are managing a team and need to plan as such. Your absence/tardiness could also impact your partner's ability to participate. Check the player handbook for more information on attendance.

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Dress Requirements Match days:

- All players are expected to dress-up during the school day when they have scheduled match events. This means: boys- slacks, shirts with collars, or shirt and tie, dress shoes. Girls- slacks, skirts, blouses or tops with full coverage, dress shoes/sandals. Both genders- No jeans, t-shirts, sneakers. Varsity players will dress for all scheduled Varsity matches. Open players will dress for all scheduled Open matches.
- Dressing up on Match days is a way to build **TEAM PRIDE**, as well as team recognition and team spirit. Professional athletes wear suits on game days. Students should dress up to demonstrate pride in their team. Players who do not participate in dressing up for game days will sit out of an event.
- All players are in full uniform at matches . Again, this is a matter of team pride and solidarity. Players who do not dress in uniform will not play that event and will sit out of the next scheduled match event.

Behavior/Participation at Matches:

- Players who are not actively participating in a match should be present and engaged in their teammates' matches. This means: watching (learning), and cheering. Inexperienced players can learn A LOT from watching more experienced players' matches (and vice-versa)!
- Players will participate in stat keeping on a rotating basis with 3 players assigned per match.
- Players should sit/gather together as a team throughout the event. You are welcome to have a quick check-in with your parents/fans, but then need to return to the team area. This builds **COMMUNITY**.
- If you need to leave the immediate area (bathroom?), check in with the coach-in-charge, so we can find you.
- Players who are not actively playing should demonstrate respect to players on the court by being actively engaged, being mindful of voice levels so as not to be distracting, and offering positive encouragement.
- Players who are not actively playing may work on homework, but also need to engage in team support throughout the match.
- **There should be no electronics at matches and team events. If you need to contact a parent - check in with a coach first. If a parent needs to contact you - they should contact one of the coaches, and we will communicate a message.**
- All players and spectators should demonstrate positive sportsmanship.

Earning a Varsity Letter Requirements to earn a Varsity Letter in Tennis at Colony High School

1. Participate in all Varsity conference events (WHS/PHS/KHS)
2. Participate in one non-conference scrimmage either Varsity or Open level 3.
Attend all conference and non-conference matches (exception is regions)
4. Remain in good academic standing and eligibility throughout the season
5. Incur no disciplinary actions throughout the season
6. Complete 15 hours of community service hours and submit by September 30 (see player/parent handbook for specifics).

Players who do not earn a Varsity letter will earn a participation certificate for the season.

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