

OGHS Womens Tennis Welcome

This year we have the opportunity to continue to grow a program that was very successful in our first year! To do this, communication, determination, and integrity are a MUST.

Expectations

It is our expectation that all athletes represent this team in the best light at all times. This includes in the halls of OGHS, on the practice court, matches, and beyond. As we develop this program, new team members will look to you and the community will look to you to see what it is to be an Oak Grove athlete. From the moment you put the uniform on, until the moment you are no longer a member of this team, you are representing OGHS Tennis. Any representation that is not aligned with our school handbook or casts this program in a poor light will be dealt with on an individual basis. In this program, we will emphasize character above all.

Tryouts 2018

This year's tryouts will be based on skill, effort, and character. I will ask the girls to perform various drills, fitness tests, and seed matches. This is to evaluate their skill level, the effort they will put forth on this team, and their character. I will also continuously be checking school write-ups to evaluate classroom behavior and character. Should a player exhibit low standards in the character realm, they will not be permitted to participate in this year's team. If a player shows strong effort and strong character, they will be a member of our team.

Seasonal Requirements

Attendance: As a varsity sport, high attendance is required. Understandably, there may be school sanctioned events that will interfere with our season. Players should make every effort to attend every practice and match. However, should a conflict arise, it is my expectation that the player will contact me as soon as they become aware of this conflict. Should attendance become an issue with a player, there will be a meeting with the player and coach to discuss their attendance and commitment to this team.

Travel: For a student to play in a match, they must travel with the team. If a student does not travel to a match without a valid (predetermined) reason, they will not play in the next match either. Time management is a big part of the tennis schedule. We must start our matches at 4pm to get as much daylight play as possible. If a student is not on the bus by the appointed time, they will be left at the school. After the match, students are welcome to ride home with a parent/guardian if the proper forms are signed and the student lets me know.

Rules: The rules of this team are aligned with OGHS rules. If you break any school rule there will be consequences for the team. Beyond this, remember you are always representing OGHS tennis and if that name is ever put in a negative light because of your actions, social media posts, or behavior, it will have consequences.

Communication: Communication is key! If schedules change, this will be communicated through the OGHS remind and twitter.

Communication between player and coach is also extremely important. This is a growing program and many players' first experience with a varsity sport. If there are ever any questions, concerns, or recommendations, I want to hear them! Should you ever need to get into contact with me, please consider the time and place. I ask that any concerns about playing time, skills, etc. only be addressed during practice hours by the player. If a parent would like to be present for this discussion, then please schedule a meeting for after practice ahead of time. You can

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message me through Remind or e-mail me through my school e-mail. I will not discuss players that are not your child with you, but I am happy to discuss your player and your player's skills.

Seasonal expectations

It is expected that players will attend every practice and participate in all skills/fitness workouts. Fitness is a huge aspect of tennis and will be addressed every day in practice; whether that be through skill drills or workouts.

It is also expected that all players be present and engaged during matches (the entire time). Players who are a part of this team will attend matches, whether they are seeded to play or not. There are a multitude of reasons for this! Players are also NEVER permitted to leave a match early unless it has been discussed with me PRIOR to the match.

Consequences

Consequences will vary depending on the severity of each incident. Some examples have been outlined below:

*Tardy, misconduct during a match, attitude, and minor write ups- sprints/no start
Reoccurring infractions, skipping practice/match, serious write ups- benched from play
Serious infractions or constant issues will result in a parent, player, and coach meeting to discuss eligibility to play.*

Additional note: all uniforms/equipment given to players is the property of OGHS. Failure to return borrowed property will result in a fine, which will be used to replace missing items.

By signing this form, you agree that you have read and understand the requirements for participation on the OGHS Women's Tennis Team:

Student: _____ *Parent:* _____