**Washington Twp. High School Boys Tennis**

**Team Rules and Guidelines**

We, as your coaches, are responsible for your actions, health and safety on and off the courts. As a member of this Tennis team, listed below is what we expect of you.

**ATTENDANCE:** Required at all practices and competitions unless previously excused:

If you will be late or cannot attend, you must tell us in advance. Doctor’s appointments, jobs, etc. need to be scheduled around tennis practices and competitions. **After 3 unexcused practices, the athlete will be removed from the team.**

**TARDINESS:** We expect you to be at the courts and dressed at 2:45 PM on after school practice days and 15 mins before practice starts on weekend practices. If you arrive late without an excuse, it will be documented. **Accruing unexcused latenesses may mean removal from the team.**

**PRACTICE:** We practice from 2:45 – 4:15PM, Monday through Friday unless otherwise notified. Coaches will excuse you at the end of practice. We expect full commitment from all athletes.

**COMPETITION:** Varsity and JV athletes are expected to compete to the best of their ability and have good sportsmanship every match. Your team needs your participation every week unless prior arrangements with coaches have been made.

**BEHAVIOR:** We expect you to behave maturely at all times. This includes on school busses, in the locker room, at away matches, at tournaments, other events, in school, during practice and in the community. Immature behavior will not be TOLERATED. No horse play (#1 cause of most injuries). Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Respect everyone. The school’s bullying policy will be strictly enforced. Athletes will treat each other with respect and act in an appropriate fashion. Failure to do so will result in, but not limited to, Coach/Athletic Director conference, suspension, and or dismissal from the team.

**ACADEMICS:** You are expected to adhere to Washington Twp. High School’s behavior and academic policies. We will monitor your progress and any problems will be dealt with immediately. Academic ineligibility is not an option!

**PROFANITY:** Team members will not use foul language. If you use profanity, plan to be in great shape or off the team.

**SUBTANCES:** Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are a detriment to your health, athletic improvement, and performance. Their use will not be tolerated and are against the law.

**ATTIRE:** Tennis is an outside sport and, in some cases, when the weather is not cooperative, an inside sport. **BE READY EVERYDAY TO PRACTICE INDOORS AND OUTDOORS.** At all times athletes should have running shoes, shorts/sweatpants, and short/long sleeve t-shirts. It can be cold in the beginning of the season so lightweight jackets or sweatshirts may be needed. Hats, visors, and sunglasses are okay to have too.

**EQUIPMENT:** All athletes should have their own racquet and running/tennis shoes. Running shoes are acceptable but the preference is up to the individual athlete.

**HOME MATCHES:** We expect all members of the team to help set-up our courts, support your teammates as they have supported you, and clean up. We will leave the courts cleaner than when we started. No CELLPHONES permitted during matches, they are to stay in your bag or with your parents. If you are not playing a match or your match is done, the rest of the match will be spent watching your teammates with the rest of the team.

**AWAY EVENTS:** The bus will leave the school at the times listed or verbally given. We do not wait for anyone. If you miss the bus, you will need to find your own transportation to the event. If you are transported on the bus, you must return on the bus unless other arrangements are made prior and coaches are informed. No CELLPHONES permitted during matches, they are to stay in your bag or with your parents. If you are not playing a match or your match is done, the rest of the match will be spent watching your teammates with the rest of the team.

**CHALLENGE MATCHES:** Will be determined by the head coach. The beginning of the season will have challenge matches played to solidify spots in the ladder. After that it will be up to the discretion of the head coach.

**COMMUNICATION:** Please feel free to speak with your coaches and/or captains as necessary. Open communication is essential and welcomed in both directions.

**I understand the rules and guidelines as listed above. I also understand that being a part of the Washington Twp. Boys Tennis Team is a privilege not a RIGHT.**

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**Information Sheet**

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**Why do you want to be a part of the tennis team?**

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