



Waller Tennis

Player, Parent, and Coaches Agreement

Tennis requires a considerable amount of energy, strength, skill and mental toughness; only the best individual can hope to achieve success. We want you to understand that you are expected to be a step above the general population. The benefits derived, however, from participation in athletics can more than compensate for this, and the very fact that you are out for athletics is an indication that you have made this choice.

In an effort to assure our parents and athletes of the most successful, safest and most rewarding tennis season, we ask each athlete to read, acknowledge, and adhere to the following guidelines.

1) Attendance

You are making a commitment to yourself, your teammates and your coach (es). In order for each athlete to reach his/her potential, to improve his/her own skills and performance, and for the team to establish camaraderie, it is essential that *all team members be present at all practices and all meets.*

- a) You are expected to attend all classes, practices, and meets; and to be prompt everyday.
- b) Absences
 - i) Excused absences will be determined on a case by case basis by the coaching staff. If you must miss a practice, you will run TWO circuits for conditioning purposes for each missed practice. Missing a match will result in a FOUR circuits for conditioning purposes.
 - ii) Unexcused absences
- c) If missing practice/meet and not calling your coach ahead of time or being late to practice/meet becomes a habit you will be dismissed for the remainder of the season. You will not be guaranteed a position in the match if you miss practice the week of a match.
- d) Promptness – Always be on time and remain the full time. Practice time begins at 3:30pm sharp and ends at 5:00pm. Each minute of practice time missed will be considered conditioning time lost and will have to be made up. **ON TRIPS, THE BUS WILL NOT WAIT.**

Note: Suspension from competition still requires attendance at the suspended event.

2) Dress

You should be very professional in uniform and out of uniform. Your appearance away from athletics, especially at school, should reflect the same class and pride that you show in the tennis team. We will follow the school dress code at all school functions.

- i) **Dress on match days** – We will wear matching attire to school on match days.
 - (1) Failure to dress appropriately will result in a suspension from competition
- ii) **Dress for practice** - proper workout attire is required for each practice.
 - (a) Tennis shoes, running shoes, t-shirt with sleeves (long enough to be tucked in), and shorts or sweats.
 - (2) Failure to dress appropriately for practice will result in alternative conditioning for the duration of practice.

3) Academics

a) School is absolutely the first priority for every player. Practice schedules are established well in advance so players are able to plan for study time accordingly.

- i) All Players will attend tutoring sessions Monday and Wednesday from 2:50 until 3:20 either in a coach's classroom, or academic teacher's classroom
- ii) Grade checks will be performed weekly. Any failing grades will result in consequences and a possible suspension from the next week's match.

4) Transportation

- a) Transportation to and from Waller High School is your responsibility. "I can't get a ride" is not an excused absence. Review the schedule and coordinate transportation with your parents, neighbors, or teammates
- b) All Players are required to travel to meets with the team.
 - i) It is possible to take your Player home after an out of town match; however you must talk with Coach Williamson in person and sign a release.

5) Conduct

- a) Players are expected to exhibit a positive attitude towards fellow players and the coaching staff. Coaches will not tolerate disruptive attitudes, players are expected to obey coaches explicitly and always communicate with them in a respectful tone and manner. In severe cases players will be removed from the team.
- b) Respect and sportsmanship will be demonstrated in every phase of practice, meets, tournaments and any event the team attends. This includes profane language, inappropriate gestures and actions. This will apply to coaches, athletes, managers, trainers and parents.
- c) Coaches, players, managers, trainers, and parents are to obey all rules of the event and venue we are attending.
- d) Classroom conduct is also expected to be upheld. The players will conduct themselves in a way that represents themselves, their family, the school, the coaches, and the team in a positive manner.

6) Practices

a) Challenge Matches

- i) Each player has the opportunity to advance in the rankings. Challenge matches will be held once a month during the season. Players will be informed in advance, and are expected to attend.
- ii) Final rankings will be determined at the discretion of Coach Williamson.

b) All practices are considered closed.

- i) Parents are to wait in the student parking lot until practice is over.

Tennis Contract:

Tennis is an individual and team sport, all players have an obligation to their teammates to abide by team, school, and district and event rules. I have read and understand the rules of the Waller High School Tennis Team. I agree to abide by these rules and realize that I may be asked to leave the team if I am unable to comply.

Parents/Guardian Signature

Date

Athlete's Signature

Date

Coach's Signature

Date