

MINNETONKA

Girls' Tennis

2018

Welcome to Minnetonka Girls' Tennis 2018

The Girls' program consists of three teams – The varsity, the JV, and the B Team, which is comprised of mainly 9th and 10th graders. The Varsity and JV compete mostly on the same schedule at opposite sites – when the varsity is Home the JV is Away. Matches for varsity only and JV only will also be scheduled. The B team competes on a separate schedule and will play their home matches at MHS. Each team will have approximately 14 to 16 players.

The Varsity is comprised of the best players in our program and competes in one of the toughest conference in the state. Our sectional assignment is Section 2AA. The JV Team plays the same dual match schedule with an emphasis on developmental experience and participation. Both the varsity and JV play a 7 point match format with 4 singles positions and 3 doubles positions. Additional exhibition matches are played as available at the varsity and JV level in accordance with the number of players on the other teams. The B team may play more pro sets due to numbers on the team.

The coaching staff is committed to offering a program to suit the needs and ability level of each player making the teams. A round robin tryout format is used throughout the program with players initially placed on a round robin according to their last years standing on the team and coach observed initial levels during the first 2 days of tryouts. The first round robin (BLACK) will be comprised of all those returning from last year's varsity team and any new players from a different school who played on that team's varsity squad.. The second round robin (BLUE) will be a continuation of the previous year's end ladder on the JV and any player observed to be at that level during the first days of tryouts.. The third round robin (RED) will be all the remaining players of which approximately 16 will make the final team's list. It should be noted that players trying out for the team should have a moderate amount of experience and should not be trying out to begin to learn tennis. It is the recommendation of the staff that community or professional lessons be taken before trying out for the school team as scheduling and time does not allow for teaching beginning tennis basics during practice.

This year the Varsity and JV will practice together from 3:15 to 4:45 each day. The “B” team will practice from 4:45 to 6:15. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable season.

Coaches: Dave Stearns – Varsity Head Coach

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Dave Mathews - Varsity Assistant

JV and B Coaches - TBA

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Lettering Guidelines – Rules – Expectations

Lettering Guidelines

All players making the varsity traveling team will receive a varsity letter provided they:

- 1. Adhere to all state MSHSL rules and Minnetonka High School Rules**
- 2. Attend all practices and matches subject only to illness with a note from home and daily notification to coach**
- 3. Demonstrate proper sportsmanship and demeanor on and off the court**
- 4. Give their best effort at practice and matches and display a positive attitude**

Rules & Expectations

- 1. Arrive at practice 10 to 15 minutes early and do individual stretching**
- 2. Wear appropriate (coach approved) attire during practice (It is the coach's rule that all players wear appropriate clothing and dress appropriately for the weather, and present themselves in a respectable manner during practice**
- 3. Players who will not be at practice due to illness must call or text the coach the day of the absence stating the nature of the illness and why they will not be able to attend practice**
- 4. Players will be excused from practice during spring break (boys team) but must supply the coach with a note from parents**
- 5. Players must wear team uniforms at matches and tournaments**
- 6. Players must at all times treat their peers and coaches with respect**
- 7. Players must give their best effort at all times**
- 8. The coaches do not set expectations for placement in the conference or the state – our accomplishments will be a reflection of our abilities and amount of effort and passion for the game of tennis—all that is required is that you do the best you can each day, improve as much as possible, and enjoy the fact that you have done those things**
- 9. A new school policy states that any Captain violating the school chemical policy will lose their captain's status.**

LET'S HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!

To Do List for Girls' Tennis

1. Attend pre-season meeting Wed. 5/23/2018 in the Forum at 3:00PM.
2. Fill out Questionnaire (below) and return to Coach Stearns mailbox in Activities Office or email to: davestearns1@aol.com
3. Attend Fundraising events during the summer.
4. No Captains practices this year
5. Tryouts begin the week of August 13. Come to 9:00 am meeting on Monday, August 13th in the Forum located next to the MHS attendance office.
6. Sports Registration is online. The link to registration is: www.tonkaactivitiesregistration.com

IMPORTANT: If you are a new Transfer (10th-12th) or Foreign Exchange Student, you cannot register online until you contact the Activities Office to begin your registration process – please email: gwynn.pletsch@minnetonkaschools.org .

***Registration requirements must be completed by Mon., August 6, one week prior to the start date of August 13, and include the following steps:**

Step 1: Fill out the eligibility form, including health questionnaire and emergency card.

Step 2: Pay the sport activity fee of \$85.00 and the annual (one time only) participation fee of \$75.00.

Step 3: Have a current Sports Qualifying Physical* on file with the Activities Office

**In order to participate on the first day of practice, all registration fees and items must be paid and completed. If you do not have access to a computer, we have laptops in our office for you to use.*

Sports Qualifying Physical: All students participating in MSHSL sanctioned sports are required to have a Sports Qualifying Physical on file with Minnetonka High School. **This form is good for up to THREE YEARS of participation from the date of the exam and must stay current through the end of your sport participation season.**

If you need to check on your student(s) physical date, or have any questions about registration, please first check under your student's health information section in their Student Skyward first. If you have any questions or concerns, please send an **email to both Activities Office staff** below due to summer vacation:

Gwynn Pletsch: gwynn.pletsch@minnetonkaschools.org - during summer break

Jane McGowan: jane.mcgowan@minnetonkaschools.org - after August 13

Activity Fee and Participation Fee Waiver requests. In order to participate on the first day of practice, all registration fees and items must be paid and completed. **SCHOLARSHIPS** are available, although we ask that each family help as much as possible. If you need financial assistance you must fill out a scholarship request application form located online on the registration homepage in the Resources section. Once completed, please contact via email the Activities Office Staff above for further assistance and registration instructions.

NOTE: Any changes to the above procedure will be sent out in an email to all players and parents as soon as such change is received by Coach Stearns.

7. Attend mandatory Parent-Athlete-Coach (PAC) meeting on Mon., August 20 – 5:00 p.m. in the Team Room (down stairs in West Entrance area).
 - There will be a breakout session at 5:30 in the classroom/team room located in the lower level of the west gym hallway.

Girls Tennis Questionnaire 2018

NAME _____ DATE _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL THIS COMING FALL _____ Cell # _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

PARENT PHONE NUMBER _____ Cell # _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL Address _____

PARENT Email _____

Years of Playing Experience _____ Rankings _____

Uniform size: Top _____ Skirt _____ Warmup _____

I prefer to play Singles _____ Doubles _____ No preference _____

My Strengths Are:

My Weaknesses Are:

Last year I was on the Varsity _____ JV _____ Middle School _____

If you have transferred in from another school tell me at what level you played there.

If you have any physical concerns please state them here _____

Coach Stearns

2018 Varsity and JV Girls' Match Schedule

All Match Schedules for Varsity and JV Teams are being built at this time. I will send out the Schedule when complete.

2018 Girls B Tennis Schedule

The B Team Schedule is also being built at this time. The complete schedule will be sent out ASAP.