# Wasilla High School Tennis ’25

## Philosophy:

Participation in the co-ed tennis program is a privilege. Dedication, self-discipline, cooperation, and a solid work ethic is the foundation of a successful team. Good sportsmanship and respect for oneself and other members of the team will always be implemented in every practice and match play. Each player is expected to demonstrate a positive, exemplary attitude both on and off the court. Working hard in school, in practice and placing team goals ahead of personal goals are priorities.

## Conduct:

You are a representative of the Wasilla High School community. Be respectful and courteous of all people and represent your school with the utmost pride and dignity. Being poised and staying in control of your behavior is necessary in tennis. Practice it on and off the court. All student athletes are under the school’s jurisdiction and subject to the rules and conduction of the MSBSD, Wasilla High School, and ASAA.

## Eligibility:

Student athletes must have a 2.0 grade point average while enrolled and passing 5 classes as underclassman (9-11). Seniors must have a 2.0 grade point average while enrolled and passing 4 classes.

## Practices:

You are expected to be punctual for all practices and remain for the entire time. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. Practices will be held at the Wonderland Park Tennis Courts Monday-Friday 3:00-5:30 unless otherwise noted until JV/Varsity teams are split. Excused absences could include, but not limited to, doctors' appointment (parent or doctor note), make-up work for a teacher (teacher note), and sitting out due to an injury (trainer or doctor note). Unexcused absences could include, but are not limited to, work (job), detention, after school, other disciplinary actions. Much of the team’s success this season depends on each player’s willingness to work hard in practice; therefore, 100% attendance is necessary. Three unexcused absences will result in a player not participating in the next match, and five unexcused absences will result in termination from the team.

## Player Rank and Challenges:

At the beginning of the season, the coach will determine the initial rank of each player on the team based upon performance in the first week of practice. The top 10 ranked players will make up the varsity squad for matches unless changes by the coach are necessary. The remainder of the team will make up the junior varsity squad. Disciplinary actions or player conduct can result in players being lowered in rank. Varsity letters will be awarded to athletes who have participated in all Varsity matches and/or have participated in both JV and Varsity matches. Athletes who do not participate in Varsity events will NOT letter. Senior athletes are NOT guaranteed Varsity play if the level of play does not meet the requirements; they will compete in open events.

## Travel

Travel will include Varsity players unless otherwise specified by the coach. During travel cell phones will be collected at 10:00 pm by coaches and returned upon waking up the next morning. This alleviates issues with social media, loss of sleep, and unsupervised activities. Athletes are expected to represent WHS with appropriate behavior and respect. Any athlete with inappropriate behavior including (drugs, alcohol, bullying, verbal/physical aggression) will not be permitted to participate and could be returned home at the expense of the student/parent.

## The Role of a Tennis Spectator

Being a tennis spectator is not just like any other sport. You are expected to abide by the following sportsmanship guidelines. If you do not follow these guidelines, you put the tournament officials and your team coach in an uncomfortable situation.

1. Do not clap or cheer an opponent's unforced error. If you do not understand the difference between an unforced error and a good shot by your player, then do not cheer. We do not want a match to become a matter of which crowd can cheer the loudest. This is very distracting to the players.
2. You cannot, in any way, assist the players with the match (scoring, line calls, rules, etc.).
3. Realize that you are watching the match from angles that differ from the players. Line calls are quite different to making as a tennis player. It is easy to criticize a player for making a bad call when you are standing still watching. These players are required to officiate their own match, which always results in the player giving opponents many calls that may go against them.
4. Good sportsmanship means respecting the abilities of all players involved. It means giving credit to both sides – win or lose. The Wasilla High School Athletic Department, Tournament Officials, Coaches, and most of all the players thank you for your role in applying good sportsmanship in the stands.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Matches:

All regularly scheduled matches will begin at 3:30 pm. Players are responsible for transportation to and from matches and arrive no later than 3:00 pm. All players are expected to stay at the match until the completion of all individual matches. Because tennis is an outdoor sport, weather conditions may make it necessary to cancel and reschedule matches. Matches will be rescheduled by the school district athletic administrators at the earliest convenience for both teams involved. As a coach, I look forward to a very productive and rewarding season. With everyone's cooperation, dedication, and challenging work, we can make great strides to accomplishing team goals.

### Dress:

Athletes are required to wear the WHS Tennis Jersey issued to them with black athletic pants, black athletic shorts, or black tennis skirts for all matches. Please arrive at all matches dressed in the required uniform and WHS Tennis Jacket. NO pajama pants, jeans, or other clothing is allowed for athletes at match play.

**Chain of Command:**
As an athlete and parent, there are questions and concerns that may arise during the season. Please follow the WHS chain of command to resolve these. Communicate in the following order:

1. The athlete and coach communicate.
2. The athlete, parent, and coach communicate.
3. The athlete, parent, coach, and activities principal communicate.
4. The athlete, parent, coach, activities principal, and school principal communicate.

**Contact:**
We are looking forward to a fun and successful season. All contact will be completed through Parent Square within the WHS Tennis account. Please see Coach Anderson for access to the application or any questions.

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**Responsibilities:**

***Coaches***
- Give all players a fair chance
- Coach to the best of knowledge and experience
- Give 100%
- Respect players and parents
- Build program
- Build for league team and individual champions
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship

***Players***
- Respect players and coaches
- Support teammates at all matches and tournaments
- Give 100%
- Be on time
- Be dependable to teammates and coaches
- Have a good attitude
- Perfect practice
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship

***Parents***
- Be supportive
- Always be positive with your child
- Respect all players, parents, and coaches
- Feel free to approach the coach with any suggestions
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Wear Red and cheer load and appropriately

We have read and understood the **Player and Parent Contract** for Wasilla High School Co-Ed Tennis team. Please sign and return the bottom portion to the coach.

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Parent or Guardian Date

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Player                                                  Date