

Dunwoody High School

Tennis Parent/Player Code of Conduct 2024

Introduction

Dunwoody Tennis is pleased to welcome you to a new high school tennis season! We anticipate another fantastic experience. Along the way, we have to ensure that everyone – Coaches, Players, & Parents – have a common understanding of written expectations both on and off the court. Our goal is to have an incident-free season in which we represent DHS with pride. Please do not hesitate to ask your Coach or a Board member if you have any questions about any of this information.

Athlete and Parent Code of Conduct at Matches and Practices

It is the intent of Dunwoody High School to be a leader in the community. To do this, we need both athletes and the parents of the athlete to lead by example. These guidelines are set forth to protect the safety and integrity of the players, parents and coaches. Please be aware that all circumstances are not accounted for and in the event of an undue circumstance, the Athletic Director and/or Principal will enforce appropriate action.

NOTE: All policies listed here, where appropriate, are for players and parents.

1. Play time is not guaranteed, the best lineup will be played. Guidelines for JV matches have changed and now restricts JV teams to 13 total matches including tournament and playoffs.
2. Players are expected to act in a professional manner, be respectful of teammates, opponents, and competition.
3. Parents cannot coach players. Parents must be five feet from the fence. Only coaches can talk to players.
4. Players must maintain grades and schoolwork.
5. Players are expected to be at practice AND matches. If players are drilling at a different location, please let the coach know. All players should attend every match, regardless of their place in the lineup, unless otherwise discussed with the coach.
6. Players and parents should contact the coach directly with any issues.
7. Players are required to be in team uniform for all matches. The boys uniform includes a team shirt (long or short sleeved) and shorts. The girls uniform includes team top and skirt.

Attendance Policies

All practices and matches are mandatory. The player may, with prior approval from the coach, be late or excused from practice. It is the responsibility of the athlete to notify the coach of any scheduling conflicts as soon as they are known, as tardiness or absence can affect playing time or result in consequences as directed by the coach. Unexcused absences may count towards the three strike rule (see below).

Practice

- Occasional exceptions for missing a practice may include :
 - a contagious illness
 - a mandatory graded school event
 - tutorial help for academics
 - tennis related programs, drills and/or lessons (with approval)
 - family emergencies
- In the event a player cannot attend practice, please make every effort to contact the coach in advance.
- Missing more than half a practice counts as one absence.

Matches

Missing any part of a match counts as one absence (unless previously discussed with coach).

Expulsions and Suspensions

Suspensions have been identified where appropriate in this document. The Coach and Athletic Director will evaluate all situations. Fairness to all is the objective: use your common sense in all situations.

Automatic suspensions will result for the following offenses:

- Any player with a grade of less than a 74% must attend tutorials until the grade is improved. Failure to participate in tutorial time can result in suspension from team practices and/or competitions until the grade improves.
- Any player who skips school.

Automatic expulsions will result for the following offenses:

- Smoking at any high school function.
- Using alcohol or drugs at any time during a high school function.
- Leaving the match/lodging premises without notifying the head coach and without a chaperone.

Three strike rule

- If an athlete has 3 unexcused absences during the season, the coach can conduct a review to determine if the athlete should remain on the team.
- A combination of absences and/or court and behavior violations may also result in a 3 strike suspension or expulsion depending on the circumstances, to be determined by the coach.

Grievance/Escalation Procedure

The procedure outlined below is designed to help athletes and parents with questions, concerns or problems that may occur during the course of the season. It ensures open and honest communication between all parties involved.

1. The athlete must first ask for a meeting between the coach and themselves to discuss the issue at hand.
2. If the issue is unresolved, the parent then may ask for a meeting between themselves and the coach to discuss the issue. The meeting should take place at a location considered adequate for a private discussion agreed upon by both the parent and coach – coaches are not to address these issues at a match and are told to advise the Athletic Director in the event that any of these conversations are started at a match.
3. If the issue is unresolved then the parent should ask for the involvement of the Athletic Director. A meeting can take place between the Athletic Director, parent, athlete and coach. A scheduled time away from practice or a match is appropriate.
4. If the issue is unresolved, the parent may then ask for a meeting with the Principal. A scheduled time away from practice or a match is appropriate. The decision of the Principal at this point is FINAL.

Please visit our program website, dunwoodytennis.com, or scan the QR code to sign-off on this code of conduct, acknowledging that both player and parent(s) are aware of the rules and expectations put in place by the coaches for this upcoming season.

