

# Mustang Tennis

## Responsibilities and Expectations 2017-2018

**COACH'S VISION:** create a positive, high energy team, where players have fun while progressing toward individual goals.

### **PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Accountability- Hold yourself, team and coach accountable for doing what is right on the court during matches and practices, and off the court.
2. Work hard in every practice and fight for the entire match in every competition.
3. Encourage teammates, pick the team up, and add to the energy level at every practice and match.
4. Communicate with the coach: match or practice conflicts, injuries, grades, any issue that affects performance in practice or competition.
5. Be respectful to teammates and opponents.
6. Be self-sufficient and a skilled problem solver. Players are responsible for all of their gear needed for practice and competition and are expected to make adjustments to their tactics with or without Coach's guidance.
7. Be part of the team: practices, matches, traveling, and other team functions.

**PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:** Support the team and individual players. Cheer for hustle, fight, quality points and good sportsmanship. Avoid confrontation with opponent's players, coaches, and spectators. Recognize that involvement in this team is the player's responsibility, their grade, and ultimately their experience.

**PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS:** Every player is expected to attend every practice. Injured Players are expected to follow their rehabilitation instructions from their doctors and/or GHS trainers. They are also expected to dress out and be at every practice even if only to observe.

**COMMUNICATION:** Email coach with any match or practice conflicts as far in advance as possible, a week in advance is preferred so that line up changes can be addressed during practice. Communication should be initiated by the players, with the date as the subject. Parents should also be cc'ed so that they will be part of the conversation.

**TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS:** Every player is expected to travel with the team to and from every competition. Alternate travel plans may be arranged by filling out a district approved form which will be provided upon request. If there is an emergency and other travel arrangements need to be made, then no player will be allowed to ride with anyone but their parent/guardian without their parent's permission.

**PLAYER CONDUCT:** Members of the Mustang Tennis program need to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring pride and honor to Grapevine High School, the Grapevine-Colleyville community, and the athletic program. No athlete involved in the tennis program has the right to do or say anything that might hurt, embarrass, or degrade themselves, their teammates, or coaches. Detrimental conduct will be handled with the appropriate disciplinary action (Standards of Behavior-GCISD Pledge). No Public Display of Affection including but not limited to snuggling/cuddling, sharing blankets (1 person per blanket)....

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Any post to any account that the player has access to will be considered a self admit for UIL and Mustang Tennis purposes.

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**AT COMPETITIONS:** tournaments and dual matches. There will be no hammocks, tents or cell phones used while anyone from Mustang Tennis is competing. Players are required to use equipment that is provided and wear the team uniform for all competitions. If a player misses a competition/match then they will be removed from the following competition(s). All injuries and illnesses will be assessed GHS trainers

#### **Penalties for Inappropriate Player Conduct:**

1. Player Coach meeting
2. Essay/ Apology to the Team
3. Physical conditioning
4. Game(s) suspension
5. Possible dismissal from team

#### **Conflicts with Procedures or Personnel:**

This section is included for conflict resolution purposes between PLAYER and COACH or PARENT and COACH. Any conflict with Mustang Tennis procedures or tennis personnel should be handled in accordance to the following protocol:

1. Meet with the coach directly during conference hours. (athlete present)
2. Meet with the coach and Athletic Coordinator during conference hours.
3. Meet with the Assistant Principal over athletics.

Let's have a great year! Go Mustangs!

#### **GCISD PARENTAL/ATHLETE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I/We have read and understand the policies/sports procedures of the Mustang Tennis Program at Grapevine High School. I/We will adhere to the rules and regulations as stated by the Mustang Tennis Program policies and sports procedures document.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Athlete Signature

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Date

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Athlete Print Name

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**Player Information Sheet:** the intent behind this page 1) find out what the player's long term tennis goals are and to insure we are working toward them 2) is to get the player's assessment of their strengths and areas that need improving 3) to make sure the information I am giving the player is building on their private coaching

**ULTIMATE TENNIS GOAL (highest level you are shooting for):**

**GOALS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR:**

**STRENGTHS AS AN ATHLETE AND TENNIS PLAYER:**

**AREAS THAT NEED IMPROVING:**

**WHO IS YOUR PRIVATE COACH/WHAT PROGRAM ARE YOU PARTICIPATING IN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL? I**

will not contact that coach or program without the player's permission and I believe it is my responsibility to build on their information.