

# Fulton High School Girls Tennis Rules & Expectations

## Team Rules

1. 3 B's: Be on time, Be attentive, Be competitive!!
2. PRACTICE: This is not an option. You owe it to yourself and your teammates to be at practice. Our team is not complete and not as effective without YOU.
  - a. If you miss practice you must inform me by Remind before practice with a valid reason. Not all reasons are valid. Missing practice without a valid reason will be handled at the discretion of Coach Wilbers
3. Players are responsible for certain pieces of equipment (racquets, strings, shoes, etc.). The school will provide practice and match tennis balls. Uniforms must be worn to be able to compete on game days.
4. Players must be in compliance with citizenship and academic requirements outlined in the school's handbook.
5. Follow the rules of tennis and tennis code of conduct as outlined by the USTA. Poor behavior on the court is unacceptable.
6. Players and at least one parent must attend the Parent/Player/Coach meeting which will be conducted at "Meet the Hornet" night on August 16th at 5:30 PM. At this meeting, players/parents will need to sign the Extracurricular activities contract. Athletes cannot compete without attending this meeting and signing this contract
7. Players are expected to maintain high academic standards. Academics are a student's TOP priority at FHS, NOT sports.

## Parents

1. There is a Tennis Store for merch. Link to the website can be found on our twitter account as well as in a Remind message.
2. Booster Club! Sign up, work a concession stand, get a warm fuzzy feeling for helping out FHS!
3. Supporting vs. Coaching. Parents are encouraged to support all players on the court. Some do's and don'ts:
  - a. Do applaud for "winners" / nice shots.
  - b. Don't applaud when an opponent makes an error or a bad shot.
  - c. Do demonstrate and model good sportsmanship.
  - d. Don't become part of the match by engaging with the players from the other team, "helping" with line calls or rules interpretations, etc.
  - e. Do offer encouragement: "nice shot!", "nice serve", etc.
  - f. Don't coach the players. According to MSHSAA guidelines, only certified coaches are to coach the kids during matches and even that is to be done at changeovers.

## Rank Order

The Rank order is a listing of the players in order of ability that is turned into MSHSAA by the coach for setting line-ups. A player's spot on the rank order is based on the following criteria:

1. Results from the Round Robin and from challenge matches / head-to head.
2. A player's results against other schools.
3. It is MSHSAA policy that players are not "demoted" due to disciplinary issues as this would constitute a "Stacked" line-up and is unfair to the opposing team.
4. Doubles rank order is based on team chemistry but generally the 1-6 players will play 1-3 doubles.

## Matches / Tournaments

The top 6 players on the Rank Order will play Varsity singles. The top-6 will also play 1-3 doubles. Every effort will be made to see that everyone on the team gets a chance to play. Tournament line-ups vary by the tournament format and will be determined by the coach.