



GKTA Middle School Tennis (Grades 6 – 8) Team Parent Responsibilities

Thank you for agreeing to be a team parent. Without you, the Middle School Tennis League could not exist. As a team parent your responsibilities are as follows....

- **All School Coordinators, and Coach/Captains (Team Parent) MUST have completed the USTA's background check and the Principles of Youth Protection and Tennis Program Safety Course. Even if you have had a school background check already, you still MUST go through the USTA's background check. (See USTA Background Screening Portal Instructions page)**
- Log into TENNIS LINK (www.usta.com) and print out the score sheet prior to the match. Fill out the score sheet for each week's match, record the scores and total them on the scoresheet. **The Team Parent must enter scores on TENNISLINK upon conclusion of match. Home team is responsible for entering scores. THE VISITING TEAM SHOULD LOGIN TO TENNISLINK TO VERIFY SCORES. Scores must be entered within 48 hours of a completed match.** EMAIL problems to me at voiceofthescots@yahoo.com
- Familiarize yourself with league rules and procedures. (The USTA Rule book: <http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2011FAC-Kaufman.pdf>, The Jr. Team Tennis Rulebook: http://www.ustajtt.com/uploads/2012_JTT_Regulations.pdf) Players are to keep score and make line calls on their own. No "help" from the sidelines. If the players have a disagreement, encourage them to return to the court and resolve the problem as politely as possible. The "C" teams will have on-court help from one team parent from each team.
- Home Team Parent should attempt to contact Visiting Team to confirm match 2-3 days in advance.
- Schedule players for each of the matches. Ask if there are any weeks players cannot play. If you have a "bye" in your schedule be sure to rotate players. **Players should be played in "order of strength" so that your stronger players are on court 1. Doubles courts will play first.**
- **No "subbing up" will be allowed. If you have to default a court for any reason, you MUST move your lineup to the next highest position. (Ex: You are missing your #1 player, Your #2 player MUST play #1 and the #2 court is defaulted)**
- Make sure that all of your players are aware of the upcoming match and can play. You will also want to make sure that the parents understand they are responsible for TRANSPORTATION. Carpooling is encouraged.
- **Take 1 can of NEW balls to every match.** These balls will be handed out to your school coordinator. Use the same balls again for the singles matches.
- Only a few courts have bleachers so spectators may need to bring chairs. Encourage team spirit and good sportsmanship. Players should arrive at the courts at 4:00 PM and stay until the last match is complete.
- Matches must start on time – 4:15pm if your match is at West Hills or Tyson, 4:30pm for all other locations.

- If bad weather is approaching, the team parents need to take charge and make the decision to call the players off the courts and suspend play. If lightening is ever seen, bring players off of the court immediately and move to a safe shelter. Thunder may be very far off, so this is a little harder to call and can be decided by the team parents. ***Safety of players must come first - no matter where you are in the match!*** If match is suspended be sure you write down the scores and who was serving in each match that was in progress. Please make every attempt to resume the match at another time. When resuming the match, players may get a ten minute warm-up and resume the match from the point of interruption.
- Grievances should be made in writing and submitted to me at voiceofthescots@yahoo.com . Any comments regarding a player, coach or team parent's conduct, questionable level of play, or other concerns will be addressed. Frequent grievances regarding a specific player's level of play could result in having that player move up a level.

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