

Nelson Middle School Tennis Contract

PURPOSE: Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. The athlete must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and most importantly discipline. Without the pursuit of these, the athlete can in no way do justice to himself/herself, the program, or the school. The athlete must discipline himself/herself to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve athletic excellence. Through participation, athletes should learn the joy of winning, the sadness of losing, the importance of teamwork, the respect for others, and the desire to achieve. The following athletic policy must be understood and agreed to between the student athlete and the parents.

GRADES: Grades will be assessed in the following school wide manner: Weekly grades are given according to dressing out, participating, and doing work assigned. Students must dress out in school colors or wear a Nelson Tennis shirt or PE shirt every day even when they cannot participate. Students cannot miss more than 3 consecutive days of tennis without a doctor's note. Also, I DO NOT accept parent's notes at all unless it is an absolute emergency. A one-page report on tennis must be written if a student is unable to participate in class due to injury or illness. Long-term non-participation will be grounds for removal from tennis.

CLASS PROCEDURES:

A. Athletes are expected to dress out every day during the class period and practice time. Girls need to wear hair up in a ponytail and cannot wear big jewelry. Hats are allowed as long as they are plain and school colors.

B. Specific players are required to play in assigned challenge matches after school as well as dual matches and tournaments. Please understand that NOT ALL enrolled in the tennis class will participate in after school matches and tournaments. Ranking in class, number of players on the opposing team, absences, and effort are considered when determining those who play. However, all participating in the tennis class will complete the same drills and activities on a daily basis.

B. Notify the coach ahead of time if you know your child will not be able to attend a dual match or play in an assigned challenge match. (schkades@friscoisd.org)

C. Parents, please be prompt in picking up your child after dual matches and tournaments.

EQUIPMENT:

A. Athletes will be issued a locker.

B. The athlete is responsible for the upkeep of all equipment issued. Uniforms will be worn at ALL matches and tournaments. Each player will be issued a shirt but will provide their own plain black shorts or plain black skirt. Sweats will also be issued. A fee will be required for any lost or damaged equipment. If a player fails to wear uniform to match, they will NOT play.

CHALLENGE MATCHES: Everyone is allowed to play challenge matches to improve their position on the team if they choose to. The coach will set up the challenge matches. An absence on challenge day will result in a forfeit. All challenge matches will be played after school.

Student Signature Parent Signature