

## **Scoggins Middle School Tennis 411**

### **What you need:**

- \* Physical from doctor and completed online athletic forms (if trying out for team)
- \* Black or gray athletic shorts of appropriate length
- \* Athletic tennis shoes (No Sperry's or Converse)
- \* Tennis racquet
- \* Scoggins school spirit shirt, a plain school colored shirt, or you can purchase a Scoggins Tennis T-Shirt for no more \$10.

### **Important Class Info**

**Tennis Class** – All students that turn in a physical and are trying out for the tennis team will be held to a certain standard. All students will participate in the same drills and activities on a daily basis. Please understand that NOT ALL will be able to play in matches against other teams. Students will be evaluated on skill level, overall understanding of the game and basic rules, and ladder position in class. If your child does not make the traveling team, they will remain in the class and continue to learn about tennis but will not travel with the team and play in dual matches.

**Physical** – Students in the tennis class must have a physical completed by the first Wednesday of school (August 21st) to participate in tennis. Participation paperwork can be completed electronically. The Physical must be completed by a physician on the UIL physical form. The medical history form must be completed and signed by the player and the parent. To get forms and to sign electronically go to the link below.

<https://friscoisd.rankonesport.com/Main/Default.aspx>

**Fall and Spring Season** – Middle School matches start in late October and play through late January. Scoggins will play all East Frisco middle schools which is a total of 8 dual matches.

**Match Days** – Usually scheduled on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. Matches are occasionally scheduled on Thursdays but mainly on Tuesdays.

**After School Practices** – There will be no after school practices. Players will only practice during class time. However, Team players will be assigned challenge matches to be played after school. They will be required to report score upon completion of match.

**Challenge Matches** – Challenge matches will be assigned for those trying out for the team in order to determine their ranking in the class. This will take place once they know how to keep score and the basic rules of singles and doubles. These matches will take place on their own after school and will consist of a 6 game set. This is done due to limited court space during class. I will have a sign up sheet that lists days and times after school at the Scoggins tennis courts that range from 3:45 – 6 pm. They can play at any courts in Frisco if they agree to do so. They will play challenge matches once a week and they will have a week to play the match assigned to them.

**Dual Matches** – All matches will start with doubles and end with singles. All matches will start between 4 and 4:30 depending on how long the drive is to the site and matches can end between 6 and 7:30 pm. I will let those playing in the upcoming match know the week before if they are playing. Again, the number can change from week to week depending on ladder position (ranking in the class), absences, grades, etc. I usually take anywhere between 8-12 boys and 8-12 girls which will include 7th and 8th graders. Some teams like playing extra matches, however some don't have as many players. Also, please be aware that all players must stay and support their teammates until all matches are completed.

**Transportation** – When traveling to dual matches, players will be driven by their parents. A bus will not take them to a dual match. They will be required to show up and be ready to play at the designated time. Also, ONLY parents or legal guardians are able to drop off and pick up their children. Students cannot ride home with a friend's parent unless I have received permission from both parties prior to the match.

**Tournaments** – Players will only participate in the District Tournament in late April. Boys will play one afternoon and girls will play on a different afternoon after school.

**Equipment** – If players make the traveling team, they will be issued a uniform team shirt and a pair of shorts or skirt which will only be worn to dual matches (not in class) and a pair of warmups. This equipment will need to be turned in at the end of the tennis season. Failure to turn in uniforms will result in paying for lost equipment.

**Locker** – Students will be issued an athletic locker to keep racquets and athletic clothes in. They will be able to leave clothes and racquets overnight if needed.

**Remind 101** – Will set this up later in the year for those that make the tennis team.

**Email address** – If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at:

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