## **Scoggins 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 schoolwide manner: Weekly grades are given according to dressing out, participating, and doing work assigned. Students must dress out in school colors or wear a Scoggins 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.

## **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 IF 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 ONLY those that are trying out for the team will participate in challenge matches. Ranking in class, number of players on the opposing team, absences, and effort are considered when determining those who will play in the lineup.
- 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. (painej@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 and will have a place to keep tennis racquets.
- B. The athlete is responsible for the upkeep of all equipment issued. Uniforms will be worn at ALL matches and tournaments. Each player that makes the team will be issued a dri-fit uniform shirt and a pair of black shorts or a black skirt. Sweats will also be issued to those that make the team. 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:** 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 and players will coordinate with opponents and will signup on the Scoggins signup sheet that Coach Paine will post weekly. Matches are 6 game sets, No Ad scoring.

Student Signature	Parent Signature	