

CADDO MILLS HS



TENNIS HANDBOOK

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MISSION

The Caddo Mills Tennis program will deliver a fun, yet challenging, experience that will assist ALL players in achieving their athletic and academic goals regardless of their ability level. Achievement will be accomplished by teaching the values of teamwork, pride, respect, commitment, work ethic and development of a positive attitude.

SEASONS

1) Fall (August-October)

Team Tennis

Players will play singles AND doubles

6 lines of boys singles

6 lines of girls singles

3 lines of boys doubles

3 lines of girls doubles

1 line mixed doubles

2) Spring (Jan-May)

Individual Tennis

Players will play singles OR doubles

2 lines of boys singles

2 lines of girls singles

2 lines of boys doubles

2 lines of girls doubles

2 lines of mixed doubles

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

I believe in well-rounded students and encourage students to participate in other school sponsored activities and sports. Every effort will be made to work with student athletes and other coaches/sponsors to allow multi-activity participation. Communication is key to making multiple activities successful

IN SEASON PRACTICES

Players must choose one Practice Session.

Practice Session Morning: (6:30am – 7:45am)

Practice Session Afternoon: (4:00pm – 5:30pm)

*Some days practice may last longer due to ladder matches

ACADEMICS

Academic performance is first and foremost importance to me. Players are expected to perform at a high academic level. Failing grades will not be tolerated and may lead to dismissal from the team.

CONDUCT

Players will conduct themselves in a positive manner. Players will be held to high conduct standards and must exhibit exemplary behavior during all school AND non-school activities. ISS, DAEP and detention placements will not be tolerated and may lead to dismissal from the team.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

- Be prepared. Always have equipment for matches/practices.
- Be on time to practices and matches. We will start practice or leave at designated times. Always try to arrive a few minutes early. Being late may result in loss of playing time and additional disciplinary action.
- Travel with the team. All players are part of this team ALL OF THE TIME.
- **Respect your teammates. Belittling or bullying a teammate will NOT be a part of our program. Be supportive and unified at all times.**
- Respect your opponents. Always act with utmost professionalism on the court, even if it's not reciprocated. We will play with pride and class. RESPECT ALL, FEAR NONE
- Communicate. Please let coaches know ahead of time when you will be absent from practice. Preparing a practice takes time and everyone has a role. Please keep in mind that when you miss a practice, your TEAM's practice is affected.

TENNIS COURTS

Players are expected to take care of the facilities. We hold high standards for our players while on our courts, Players must wear only “tennis shoes” on the court. No street shoes, running shoes, flip flops, sandals or crocks. Food and snacks are only allowed in bleacher area. No chewing gum. No climbing fences or jumping nets.

TRAVEL POLICY

We travel by bus to all away matches and tournaments. If there is an emergency that requires a player to leave with a parent, it must be arranged with the coaches in advance. Convenience is never a reason not to travel with the team.

DAILY PRACTICE

Expect to practice every day regardless of the weather forecast. ALWAYS BE PREPARED. Every day we go over specific skills in practice. Please arrange all doctors' appointments outside of team practices. Players will need to make-up missed practices/workouts the following day before being allowed to play in matches/tournaments.

PROPER DRESS FOR MATCH PLAY/PRACTICE

Players shall be expected to wear school sponsored gear for all practices and the required uniform for all school sponsored matches/tournaments. Failure to dress accordingly will result in disciplinary action.

COMMUNICATION

If an issue should arise, please follow the proper chain of command. First, set up a conference with Coach Johnson. If still not satisfied, the parent/player may take the issue to the athletic administration.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Pay attention to our **Caddo Mills Tennis** facebook page and twitter account **@CaddoTennis** for pictures, news and updates. We will be using the **REMIND** messaging app to communicate with our players. The class code is **@cmhstennis**. Please make sure you follow the steps to ensure you are getting pop up messages.

CHALLENGE LADDER

Initial ladder position will be determined during the first week of practice. Players will be able to challenge one step each week.

LETTERING POLICY

Each Varsity team member will have two opportunities to letter in the program. During the fall season, a player must play in the line-up (top 6 singles, top 3 doubles or mixed) in at least three district round robin matches. In the spring season, a player must be entered in singles, doubles or mixed doubles in the spring District tournament to be awarded a Varsity letter.



REQUIRED FORMS

Each player **MUST** have the following forms on file in the student central online system. For issues contact Doc Andrews at dandrews@caddomillsisd.org

www.studentcentral.bigteams.com

1. Athletic Pre-participation Physical
2. Concussion Acknowledgement Form
3. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form
4. Parent/Student Steroid Agreement Form
5. Acknowledgement of Rules Form

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the Foxes Tennis expectations outlined by this handbook. I also understand that non-compliance with these expectations may result in disciplinary action taken against the athlete. This may include removal from the team.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____