

OTHS BOYS' TENNIS 2020

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Important Tryout Information

Dates: Tryouts will be on Monday 3/2 from 3:15-5:15pm, Tuesday 3/3 from 3:15-5:15pm, and Wednesday 3/4 from 3:15-5:15pm. (weather permitting – tryout times may have to be adjusted)

*Please come prepared to tryouts: tennis racquet, tennis shoes, water jug, layers if it's cold outside (pants, sweatshirt, etc.), towel, etc.

Physical: In order to tryout, a valid physical must be on file. Make sure you turn your physical into the Nurse's Office. Please keep a copy for your records.

Online registration: in order to tryout, online registration through the OTHS Athletics website must be completed

Activity Fee: \$150 for those who make the team – check payable to OTHS or cash or pay online (if check or cash, walk into the District Office at Smiley or Main Office at Milburn)

Team Requirements and Expectations

Uniforms: Each player who makes the team will be expected to buy a team uniform – navy shirt and white shorts. The uniform must be worn for all matches and tournaments.

Practice: Practices will be from 3:15-5:15pm after school. Freshmen players may ride the Activity Bus over to Smiley.

Attendance: If you make the team, you are committing yourself to the OTHS Tennis Program. Every player is expected to be at every scheduled practice, match, and tournament. If something comes up where a player can't be at a practice, match, or tournament, please contact me by email or phone in a timely manner. If a player has an unexcused absence for any reason, he will have to sit out the next match or tournament but must be present to support the team. The second unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team.

Playing, Participation, & Lineup: All players need to be ready to play. The lineup will be determined by the coaches for what is best for the team. We are competing and trying to put our best lineup together to win. My philosophy is that the coach determines the lineup. I don't believe in challenge matches. Every position earns the same point, and we need 5 points to win the match. I want the boys to realize that they are a team, and their competition is the other teams not their teammates.

Travel: We come as a team and leave as a team. Every member of the team, Varsity or JV, is required to stay through the entirety of dual matches, both home and away, and tournaments.

Tournaments: Tournaments are usually day-long events. Please be prepared with plenty of water, food, and clothing. It is recommended that the player has a spare racquet to play with in case he breaks a string. There may be times when there is not a player or coach from OTHS present to help in that situation.

Grades/School: Keep your grades up – academics come first. Always communicate your needs to your teachers, especially prior to days you will miss because of matches. Be aware of your schedule and practice good time management. You are expected to balance school and sports.

Conduct/Behavior: Remember that it is a privilege to be a member of this team. Always exercise respect, courtesy, and sportsmanship. You are representing OTHS at all times.

I'm very excited for this season! Thanks for all your support. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Coach Thoman