



Welcome to Klein BearKat Tennis!

You are joining a long tradition of tennis excellence and an extended family of current and former players.

Here are some Guidelines to help you as you plan your tennis year:

- Following preschool workouts, players will be placed in one of the following class periods
 - 5th period – Freshmen only; beginners and low to moderate level players will be placed in this class
 - 6th period – JV; all underclassmen who are working to improve their skills to the varsity level will be placed in this class, including stronger freshman players
 - 7th period – Varsity; placement in this class will be determined by the player's performance at varsity camp
- During the class period players will be expected to report promptly, be properly dressed and participate as requested. The player's grade will be determined as follows
 - 40% proper preparation
 - Must have tennis racquet, tennis shoes, water bottle
 - Must wear appropriate clothing – Klein Tennis shirt and athletic shorts, skirt or pants
 - 60% participation
 - 5th, 6th and 7th period practice will start promptly 5 minutes after the tardy bell for that period; after school practice will begin at 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. You must be ready to play with ***shoes on and tied*** at these times.
 - A request to sit out during the tennis period will result in a zero grade for the day unless accompanied by a note regarding injury or illness or a pre-approved academic reason.
 - Injured players must still dress out to receive grade credit for the day
- For planning purposes, the general practice schedule throughout the year will be the following:
 - Monday – 7th period until 4:40 p.m. Varsity; 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. JV and Freshman
 - Tuesday – 7th period until 4:30 p.m. Varsity
 - Wednesday – 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. JV and Freshman
 - Thursday - 7th period until 4:40 p.m. Varsity; 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. JV and Freshman
 - Please make a note of your practice days and schedule dr. dentist etc. on non-practice days. Missing the practice prior to a match or tournament may result in the player sitting out the competition
- During the team tennis season, regular match days are generally Wednesday's for JV and Tuesday and/or Friday for Varsity. For a complete schedule please check the calendar at www.bearkattennis.org.
- Players are expected to comply with all policies of Klein ISD athletics, KISD Code of Conduct, District 15-6A, Texas UIL, and USTA court conduct, policies, and procedures.
- Players are expected to follow the safety rules of the team

- Warm-up and stretching are for the benefit of the players to prevent injuries and is NOT optional
 - Horseplay and off task behavior during practice will not be tolerated as this is what often leads to injuries
- Players are expected to show respect for coaches, team members, opponents, umpires, and parents (Arguing, complaining, etc about decisions made by captains, coaches, umpires, etc will not be tolerated)
- Players are expected to care for and help maintain the condition of all equipment and uniforms provided by the school. You are responsible for the cost of replacing damaged or lost uniforms and/or equipment.
- Travel to away matches **AND** from away matches is as a team.
 - Players may at times accompany the team to matches as back-up players – this requires that the player be on time, assist the coaches as necessary and be ready to play if necessary
 - To maintain team spirit, players who are not playing are expected to be actively watching and supporting your teammates
 - Under extenuating circumstances – attendance at another school activity, serious family conflict; players *may* be allowed to leave early with *their own parent* given prior approval by the coach – note must be presented to the coach prior to departure from KHS.
- Players are expected to attend and remain at all home and away matches until all players have completed their matches.
- Players will wear Klein tennis attire when practicing or playing with the team (for varsity – the uniform of the day); if you look like a team, you play like a team! Failure to dress accordingly will result in consequences.
- Set goals for yourself and the team and strive to achieve them. Carry yourself with integrity on and off the court – you are representing not only yourself, but your team and your school
- **Team position/playing time:**
 - Teams are determined in a twostep process.
 - At the end of each school year, the round robin process determines ladder positioning for each player.
 - The top twelve girls and top 12 boys are invited to varsity camp along with any incoming USTA qualified players and finalists from the middle school district tournament.
 - At the end of camp players are placed in 6th or 7th period classes depending on how they finish in the overall scoring. Freshman and new players not invited to varsity camp will participate in a tryout round robin to determine whether they will be placed in the freshman or JV class. This should result in everyone being placed in the correct class by opening day of school.
- **Challenges:**
 - Challenges are an integral part of maintaining the correct positioning on the player ladder
 - Each player will be assigned a challenge on a periodic basis - nominally each week. At the time of the challenge assignment, the due date will be announced. This information will be communicated in class as well as by email and will be posted on the website.

- It is your responsibility to check for your opponent, set a time and place to play (recorded on the challenge sheet) and report the score at the conclusion of the match.
 - Challenge matches will consist of two out of three set matches, regular scoring.
 - Challenge matches MUST be played in their entirety at one time other than for weather related issues. If you have limited time, the match format may be adjusted (no-add scoring, ten-point tie-breaker in lieu of a third set, 8 game pro-set etc.) IF BOTH players agree BEFORE the start of the match.

- Fund Raising:
 - This is a necessary part of our program in order to allow us to have better, up to date uniforms and equipment, travel to tournaments and make improvements to our facility
 - We will have three fundraisers as a team this year, two in the fall semester and one in the spring. **Participation by all players is expected;**

- ***Booster Club:***
 - Parents of players at all levels are expected to become involved in the Tennis Parents Booster Club.
 - The booster club is an integral part of our tennis program without which we could not provide the program that we have here at Klein. The boosters take on a variety of responsibilities during the year, including Meet the BearKats, fundraising and the end of year awards banquet. In addition, the boosters as parents support us by attending matches and providing encouragement during play.

All of this information will be discussed and you will have an opportunity to ask questions at the Meet the Tennis BearKats night on Monday, August 27th. from 6-8 p.m. At that time you will also have the opportunity to join the Booster club, purchase practice shirts and spirit items for you and your player and meet the other parents and players. This meeting is an important part of your participation in Klein tennis and it is necessary that a parent attend.

It is exciting to have you as a part of the Klein Tennis family and we look forward to another great year!

Coach Cannon and Coach Lin