

# Martin High School Tennis Contract



**2018-2019**

## Goals of Martin Tennis Program

1. ***Standard of Excellence*** – To enable every student to be the very best that they can be – not only on the tennis court, but also in the classroom and in all other activities as well.
2. ***Lifestyle of Work Ethic and Self-discipline*** – To set goals and achieve them takes dedication and hard work. Knowing that you have done everything you can to be the best that you can be is true success. The Coaches will make every effort to push you to achieve your maximum potential. You will not be allowed to settle for less than your best!
3. ***Teamwork and Unity*** – The goal is not to develop outstanding individual athletes, but to encourage teamwork and a spirit of unity – working towards a common goal. Remaining positive towards both yourself and you teammates is essential.
4. ***Character and Sportsmanship*** – While one of the goals when you step on the tennis court should always be to win, it is much more important to work hard and do your best, and win or lose maintain an attitude of good sportsmanship.
5. ***Have Fun!*** – Tennis is a sport that should be enjoyed and we desire to build a team that cares for one another and enjoys each other. Tennis is a lifetime sport, and we hope that through the Martin Tennis Team we build lifetime relationships.

## *Player Expectations*

The following are expectations we have of any player who is part of the Martin High School Tennis Program.

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

- **Attend practice every day** – Tennis class is the same as any other class. New information is taught daily. Players are expected to be there unless the coach has received a call or note beforehand. A consequence will follow for failure to contact Coach Moore either by phone or note prior to a practice, match, or tournament.
- **Be on time** – You are expected to show up ready to play every day on time. Matches and practice times will vary depending on the season. It is your responsibility to be aware of the schedule and comply with it.
- **Come Prepared** – Everyone is expected to bring appropriate work out attire and equipment every day we have class or a match. Do not assume that we do not have practice or that you will not be playing the match. That is not an excuse and consequences will follow.

### 2. CONDUCT:

Appropriate conduct is expected both on the court (practice, matches, tournaments, etc.) as well as off the court (school, community, etc.). Being an athlete is being a role model. We will not do anything that reflects negatively on our school or team. Inappropriate conduct can result in immediate default of a match or in extreme cases, removal from the team.

- **Inappropriate conduct** – Conduct such as yelling, racquet throwing, spitting, and other disruptive and disrespectful behavior will NOT be tolerated
- **Respect Authority** – Proper respect will be demonstrated at all times to those in position of authority. This includes but is not limited to teachers, coaches, administrators, and officials.
- **Profanity** – will NOT be tolerated!

### 3. RESPONSIBILITY:

- **Equipment and Property** – Players are responsible for their equipment. Some equipment will be issued, and it is the player's responsibility to keep up with it. If equipment is lost or damaged, the player must replace it at his/her expense.
- **Grades** – Players will be responsible in the classroom. This includes turning in all assignments – complete and on time. The “No Pass No Play” rule is in effect. If a player knows that he/she will miss class for a match or tournament, the player needs to talk to that teacher as soon as possible and get any make-up work **before** the missed day of class. The student will turn in the assignments early if at all possible.
- **If a player is unable to keep their grades passing for more than 2 times during a semester, that player may be removed from the tennis program.**
- **Property** – Players will respect all tennis facilities, both at home and away, as well as school and community property.

### 4. EFFORT AND ATTITUDE:

- **Effort** – 100% effort is expected everyday. You need to practice and play with enthusiasm. Never settle for less than your best. Make effort a habit.
- **Team Player** – Each player is an important part of our team and has a vital role to play in determining our ultimate success. Commitment and dedication to team goals is essential.

#### 5. **ATTIRE:**

Appropriate attire and proper equipment are necessary at all times since it develops the attitude of both the individual player and the influences the perception of the program.

- **Appropriate Attire** – The attire requirements are as follows
  1. Proper court shoes and socks
  2. No cut-offs, halter tops, or inappropriate attire
  3. Tennis uniform for all matches and tournaments is required.
- **Proper Equipment** – Each player is responsible for bringing the necessary equipment needed for full participation to each activity, both practice and matches. Each player will be issued team attire, and it is his/her responsibility to maintain and bring this attire to specified activities.

#### 6. **Fundraising:**

Every player is to partake in the fundraising efforts without exception. Each year it is our goal to improve the tennis facility for both our players and the playing public. In years past the Martin Tennis has added awning, concrete, benches, and a shed through fundraising. Fundraising also provides our players with team uniforms, warm-ups, tennis balls, and entry fees to tournaments. Without our fundraising efforts tennis would not be able to support the large number of players we provide a class.

## **Consequences**

You, as a student athlete, are responsible for your actions. Breaking school, classroom or athletic rules are choices and must have consequences. Consequences may include removal from practice, suspension from a match, or additional conditioning drills. In addition, if there are problems in the community, consequences will be severe. You may be the only representative of our program that people see. You are a member of something great – being suspended for breaking the rules hurts the TEAM and the entire tennis program at MHS.

## **Substance Abuse**

Use of alcohol and drugs will not be tolerated. Consequences will be severe and will be decided by the Head Coach, Principal and Athletic Director.

## **Tryouts**

Tryouts will be conducted the first week of August each year.

## Team Placement

Team placement will be determined by:

1. Ability – Talent and skill are key factors.
2. Effort – 100% daily effort is expected. The previous year's effort will be a contributing factor to what team you will be placed in regardless of talent.
3. Conditioning – This includes footwork, sprints, distance endurance, etc.
4. Attitude – Both a positive attitude and a competitive mentality
5. Attendance – Being at practice is mandatory
6. Willingness to listen, learn, and improve
7. Mile run – To compete in matches at the Varsity level, players must be able to run a mile in 8 minutes for boys 8:30 for girls.

## Lettering Criteria

A letter rewards those players who are an integral part of the Team's success by contributing the following:

**Attitude** – Maintains a positive attitude and demonstrates leadership qualities, to have a willing to sacrifice individualism for the good of the Team.

**Ability** – Continually strives to improve his/her level of game and contributes both in practice and in match play

**Attendance** – Participates in All team activities.

**Loyalty** – Must be on the team for 3 years or be on the varsity level for 2 years.

You may receive only one jacket during high school. After receiving a letter jacket, a student may be rewarded with certificates, plaques, trophies, or letter in any sport. (UIL)

## **Parent Expectations**

1. Help your child attend every function on time.
2. If you have questions or opinions, please communicate them with the coaches.
3. Hold Coaches accountable to everything stated in this contract.
4. Never hesitate to call or visit with coaches about any concerns that you might have. The only problem we cannot solve is the one that we do not know about.

# MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CONTRACT

I have read and understand the Martin Tennis Athletic Contract.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete Signature

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature