

## **What is different about High School Tennis?**

This description of HS tennis at Martin is designed to help the transition for our 8th-grade students coming into 9th grade. If you have any further questions after reading this, please feel free to email me anytime for a clarification.

### **Teams and times**

We have 3 distinct classes at Martin: Varsity, JV1, and JV2. Varsity is a double blocked class that meets 4th and 10th period. JV1 is our highest JV class and is also double blocked that meets 3rd and 9th periods. JV2 is our only class that is not double blocked and only meets during 8th period.

Even though we have 3 distinct classes we have several teams. Varsity is our top 8 boys and 8 girls. JVA consists of the players 9-16 boys and girls. JV B is comprised of the players that are 17-24 while JVC is the players that fall with the range of 25 – 32. This can become confusing because a student may be in the Varsity class, but be on the JVA squad. The ladder is the ultimate guide that determines on which team you truly belong.

After school practice is reserved for the top 16 players (16 boys and 16 girls).

### **Team that you qualified**

We will have an extensive tryout the last week of July that will determine your position on the ladder. You can see the schedule located at [www.martintennis.net](http://www.martintennis.net). We will post the results of the tryouts on ladder board [www.mhstennischallenge.com](http://www.mhstennischallenge.com). Your rank will decide what class you are in and what team for which you qualified.

### **Changing Rankings and class**

After the tryouts are over you will be allowed to move up or down the ladder by challenging a higher ranked person. If you are successful in winning a match against a higher ranked player, you will jump to their place, and everyone else will slide down. If you move up enough spots to qualify for a higher class we can request that your schedule change. All rules can be found on the martin tennis website under the tabs important links.

It is essential that your child works hard all summer long to qualify as high as they can get. They **need** to play as many tournaments as possible and take as many lessons as they can fit in. Here is the list of instructors that I recommend in the area.

Derek Moore 817-307-9719

James Helvey – ATC 580-583-4340

Ken Klien – Walnut Creek – 469-285-0678

Angel Martinez – ATC – 817-296-4469

Tom Rickard – Martin - 817-727-3237

Adrian Lie – ATC – 713-480-1151

Tim Duffy – Martin – 817-371-0777

**Tournaments**

There is a tournament every weekend all summer long all across the great state of Texas. You can find USTA tournaments by going to [USTA.com](http://USTA.com) and clicking on tennislink. You can also find tournaments in the local area by going to the website [www.southwesttenniscircuit.com](http://www.southwesttenniscircuit.com).

**Single blocking**

We do have students that are unable to double block the tennis classes because of their academic load. If this is the case we will do our best to ensure your child is still in a tennis class. This does happen from time to time and we have always done our best to accommodate the player.