

## Jefferson Girls Tennis Information 2023

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### 1. Overall principles:

- Emphasize performance, rather than winning
- Focus on results, not excuses
- Respect teammates, coaches and opponents
- Establish priorities of family, schoolwork, and team
- Expect steady, gradual improvement through smart practices and hard work.
- Have fun!

Enjoy the competition and team camaraderie. Our number one goal must be to make playing tennis for Jefferson an enjoyable and memorable experience - this will outweigh the winning and losing over time. At practice and during matches athletes will give 100% effort at all times. This does not mean each player will win every match, but it is in our control to work as hard as possible to do so. This is how success is measured.

2. Athletes must attend all practices and matches. They must also stay for the duration of all matches to support their teammates. High School tennis is a **team** sport and we must treat it that way. I realize that we are all busy and sometimes conflicts unavoidable, but if a player is going to miss a practice, match, or be late to either, please let your coach know ahead of time.

3. Sportsmanship on and off the court will be expected and anything less will not be tolerated. You are not only representing yourself on the tennis court, but your school and teammates as well. One thing we have within our control is to play and compete with class. USTA rules will apply for any code violations. If a player is given a game violation, she will automatically be excluded from the next match. Also, please refer to the eligibility bulletin for any off the court violations such as alcohol or drug use.

4. Hazing: Bloomington schools prohibit the practice of hazing. Violators will be subject to penalties set forth in the MSHSL rules and to penalties as decided upon by the high school administration.

5. Procedure for handling athletic complaints: The district has a three step process. Step one is to meet with the head coach. Step two is to write a written request to the Athletic Director and meet with coach and AD. Step three is to write a written request to the principal and meet with the principal and AD. Hopefully things can be taken care of in step one.

6. We have three teams, B, JV and Varsity. Girls are placed by ability. Varsity

will carry 12-14 players, JV 14-16, 1B squad 14-20 players. Our court capacity allows to carry a max of 44 players. Cuts may have to occur depending on the year. It is rare for a 12<sup>th</sup> grader to play on the B team. (New 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders not able to make the JV may be cut) Returning players will make a team.

7. It should be your goal to be on a team where you play for a point. Example, it is better for a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grader to play in the lineup on B squad than to be an exhibition player on JV. Same is true for a 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader playing a point for JV rather than an exhibition for Varsity.

8. Lineups: Lineups are always made fairly, ethically and in the best interest of the team. Lineups may change from match to match. Exhibition matches are also determining factors in whether an athlete will move up to a point level match. Although exhibition matches are not for points, they are still matches and players should give maximum effort, they are part of your record.

9. Lettering: A player will receive an athletic letter if she:  
-competes in at least two varsity matches during the season, including exhibition  
-is a member of the Jefferson tennis team for at least three seasons (one of those seasons must be her senior year)

10. Booster Club: We would like to have 100% participation. We do very little fundraising. The booster club fees benefit all players at all levels.

11. Weather: Tennis is a sport that can't be played in the rain. Matches will not be canceled until after 12:30pm. Girls should listen for announcements or Check Remind or the Website. Parents can check the website, call their child or call the main switchboard at JHS. When possible announcements will be sent to OGMS and OMS.

12. Parents: A special thank you is necessary for all of your help and support of your child and the Jefferson tennis program. We encourage you to attend our matches and cheer on the team. However, it is very important that your role is restricted to that of a spectator. Rules dictate that only coaches may talk to and advise players during a match. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns about Jefferson tennis. We are looking forward to a great season! Go Jags!