



MCKINNEY TENNIS 2018-19

Dear MHS tennis players, incoming Freshmen and parents:

We will once again be having **try-outs** for the tennis team before school starts. There are some things that you will need to bring to try-outs. You will need to make sure that you have a **new physical** filed with the trainers in order to attend try-outs. No player will be allowed to try-out until a physical is filed. You will also need to bring a **copy of a utility bill, as proof of residence, and a copy of your birth certificate (if I didn't get one from you last year)**. Other forms that need to be completed include a **Student Record Release Form**, an **Acknowledgement of Rules Form**, **General Eligibility Rules Form**, a **Steroid Form**, among a few others. These forms will be available for completion online, at the MISD Athletics website. These will need to be completed before the first day of try-outs. There will be no cuts at try-outs. Everyone who attends try-outs will establish a spot on the team. Your position on the ladder will determine which tennis period you will be put in. Tryouts will start a week earlier this year. The dates of the try-out will be **Aug. 6-8, from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., at the MHS tennis courts. We will have a practice on Thursday and Friday of that week, as well as the following week, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** The format of the try-out will be the same as last year, with each player competing against his or her teammates in a satellite draw tournament. The matches will be NO-AD, 8 game pro sets. The results of this tournament will establish the beginning of the year ladder and line-up. As always, each player will have a chance to challenge his or her way up the ladder, once the season starts. All players, former and new, must compete in the try-out. If you are not able to attend try-outs, you will be placed in the ladder according to the coaches discretion. It is very important that you make every effort to attend try-outs, in order to show your abilities and improvement over the summer.

It is imperative that each of you continues to work on your tennis skills over the summer. If you haven't been involved in a junior development program or lessons before, now is the time. Participation in USTA tournaments and playing practice matches with your teammates will greatly improve your game and strongly encouraged. If you need any information on how to get involved in USTA tournaments or where you should take tennis lessons over the Summer, I can help you with that. Since we have so many eager, young players, the competition will be very intense. We are in an incredibly competitive district, once again. We have to be ready to compete immediately.

I will send you a copy of the 2018 Fall Varsity and JV Schedules. School starts on Monday, August 20. Make sure that you make a note of the date.

Feel free to email me with any concerns or questions that you may have. My email address is jedixon@mckinneyisd.net.

We are very excited about the 2018-19 tennis season. **DON'T FORGET!!! Tryouts are August 6-8!!!!**

Sincerely,
Coach Dixon