



August 2012

From: Coach Sabado and Coach Robinson
To: Players & Parents/Guardians
Re: Girls' Tennis Team, Fall 2012

Welcome to Woodbridge High School's Girls' Tennis Team. I am looking forward to a productive season & working with the parents/guardians, as well as the players. What follows is some information that might be useful for everyone involved.

RULES

1. Come on time, every day, ready to practice.
2. Respect the game, your coaches, your teammates, your opponents and the equipment.
3. Focus on trying to get better everyday.
4. Have fun!

In addition to these rules, there is also a set of requirements/expectations for all players. This set of requirements/expectations is included with this packet. All players and their parents/guardians are expected to sign the Contract of Commitment and Understanding to signify their agreement/understanding of these requirements/expectations.

GRADING - All students on the tennis team should be enrolled in the 6th period tennis class. Academic grades are based on attendance & participation for the entire semester, including after the season is over. Wearing of appropriate practice attire is required for participation in practices. Appropriate attire includes athletic shoes, shorts or sweatpants & a t-shirt. Cooperation & Work Habits grades are based on behavior & attitude during team practices & games. For every 3 unexcused absences, your grade will be lowered by one letter grade.

Grade Scale: 90-100% = A 84-89% = B 75-83% = C 70-74% = D 69% & Below = Fail

PRACTICE - Practice will be conducted every day during 6th period & after school. The first day of official practice begins on Thursday, August 30, 2012 & will continue until the regular season is over. Playoff practices will continue after the regular season and be scheduled at a later date. Also, there will not be any official practices held during any holidays. Practice is mandatory. If you want to play with the team, you must practice with the team. Any absences must be cleared with Coach Sabado and Coach Robinson. It is their discretion to determine if you will be eligible to play in the next match.

However, because tennis is an individual sport, players are encouraged to take every opportunity to practice on their own. They are completely free to do so, and continue beyond the official practice time as well as on the days that there is no official practice. During these times, players would be practicing on a voluntary basis. Coaches may or may not be present. Players are strongly urged to practice with at least 2-3 other players when it gets dark & especially when there are no coaches present. Players are also strongly urged to communicate with their parents/guardians if they are choosing to practice at these times and it is their responsibility to do so. There is no set schedule for when these voluntary practices might take place. However, it is common for many players to want to continue to play/practice at these times.

UNIFORMS – All players are required to have both a practice uniform (shirt/shorts), as well as a game-day uniform (shirt/shorts). Additional t-shirts, sweaters, warm-up jacket/pants are also available for purchase, but are completely optional. All players should all have tennis-specific shoes for use during the season, although there is no specific model that everyone is required to have. Total cost for this year's uniform set is approximately \$110.

RANKINGS/PLAYING TIME - Rankings will be decided on the court by match play. These matches are called “ladder matches.” Those ranked in the top 9 are the starting Varsity players. There will be 2-3 Varsity alternates making a total of 11-12 Varsity players. The rest are considered JV players. Playing time and playing order against other schools however, is up to the Varsity Coach and JV Coach’s discretion, although, with very few exceptions, all players play each time.

SEASON SCHEDULE - The schedule will be given at the Parent Meeting or can be found at this url:

<http://whs.saba.do/pdf/gtschedule.pdf>

We hope that you will come out and support your child as well as the rest of the team! ☺

****NOTICE*** – *It is district policy that all players must ride on the team bus to and from each match. Players may not arrive late to any matches or be picked up early by parents from any matches, except under extreme situations, which must be cleared, in writing, by the school administration a minimum of 24 hours in advance.*

REMINDERS - Please make sure to have all paperwork in as soon as possible. Players need to be cleared by the Activities Office and the Athletic Director in order to participate in after-school practices & matches (including traveling). You can access the Athletic Clearance Forms at the following url:

http://www.gowoodbridge.com/athletic_screenings/screenings.html

1. Click on the link, “Download the forms here.”
2. Print and fill out all the paperwork.
3. Turn in your completed paperwork to the Activities Office.

OTHER NOTES

Once again, thank you in advance for all of your cooperation and support of the team. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to support the team in any specific way, please feel free to contact me at the numbers listed below. I look forward to a working with your child & helping to develop their academic & athletic potential, and to having another successful season.

Sincerely,

Coach Sabado

Work: (949) 936-7800 ext. _____. between 7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Cell: (424) 558-1731 anytime after 12:30 p.m. (to leave a voicemail or text message as well)
E-mail: coach@saba.do
Website: <http://whs.saba.do>

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I have read the letter above. My signature below signifies my agreement and understanding of the rules & policies as stated above for members of the tennis team, as well as my permission allowing Coach Sabado to communicate with my child via text messaging and emails.

_____ Student Name (print)	_____ Student Signature	_____ Date	
_____ Parent/Guardian Name (print)	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date	_____ Primary Contact Phone # (Circle: Home/Work/Cell)
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