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# **Carlisle Tennis Rules**

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## **I.**

**Tennis players must show up on time for practice. If a tennis player has three unexcused absences or tardy to practice without a note, the player may be removed from the team.**

**Players MUST notify the coaches ahead of time if they have a pre-arrange absence and contact us if they are sick. A player must bring a note if they are taking a TEST, QUIZ, or attend a mandatory meeting. If a player has to leave early for a doctor's appointment, they need to notify the coaches in advance with a written note/email from a parent. Players need to be at all matches. If a player has to miss practices or matches, they are not guaranteed a starting spot upon their return. The best player on the team starts!**

## **II.**

**Seeding of players will be based on challenge matches and the skills of the game. The top three players will play singles. Players ranked from four through sixteen will compete for the number one and two doubles. The coach will select the best players who possess the skills for the doubles matches.**

## **III.**

**Playing an interscholastic sport is a privilege. Players are reminded to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner on and off the tennis court. If a player loses their temper, throws a racket, uses vulgar languages, or etc. The coach will first give a warning. If the behavior continues, the coach has the right to remove the player from the court and forfeit the match to prevent the player from embarrassing themselves, team, and school.**

## **IV.**

**There are no officials for tennis matches in the high school level until players advance to the state level. Players are responsible for making their own calls and cannot rely on spectators to make calls. If a tennis ball touches any part of a line, the ball is good. Any ball that cannot be called out by a player is considered good.**

## **V.**

**A player's safety and well-being is a top priority, whether it is an away or home match. Therefore, during a tennis match or practice, a player may not leave the tennis court premises without the coach's permission.**

**Players know their own body and well-being the best. If a player is unable to perform a drill, play in a match, or gets hurt, the player should notify the coach ASAP to prevent further injury and then should report the injury to the athletic trainers.**

## **VI.**

**Speak up especially when you are confused and do not know what is expected of you during drills and matches. As a coach, I will constantly correct you when you are doing something incorrectly to make you a better player and praise you when you are doing things correctly.**

## **VII.**

**The JV and Varsity Tennis Team combine will keep around 20-24 players. The following guidelines will be used to determine cuts if we have too many people trying out.**

- ❖ Seniors must be in the STARTING varsity line up or considered a potential starter to be on the team.**
- ❖ Juniors must be in the STARTING JV line up or the potential to be starter.**
- ❖ Sophomores must be in the top twenty.**
- ❖ Freshmen will be on the basis on how much they have improved during tryouts and potential growth.**
- ❖ New students who move in the district after practice has started, will be evaluated for at least two practices.**
- ❖ The preceding bullets are general guidelines and are subject to change(s) due to incoming participants.**

**\*\*\*Along with these rules, players are subject to abide the Carlisle School District Athletic Code of Conduct, and all Carlisle High School Handbook Rules\*\*\***

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