



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

GAYLORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Otsego County Sportsplex Tennis Courts

1250 Gornick Ave. - Gaylord, MI 49735

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COACHES

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TEAM REACH APP:

Code: Fall2026BoysTennis

Please make sure that you and your student have the TEAM REACH app downloaded on your device. All communication and announcements will be made through the app.

PRACTICES:

Practices are held weekly, **Monday-Friday from 3-5pm**, at the Otsego County Sportsplex Tennis Courts.

Players are expected to attend all practices. Each practice will include warm up, match play, strategy and working on strokes and form. Limited participation in team practices could result in limited participation in matches.

If you have a physical condition which prohibits your full participation in team practices, please discuss it with the coaches.

MATCHES

Players will be expected to be at the courts, in uniform and ready to play before every match.

HOME MATCHES: At home matches, team members will play at the Otsego County Sportsplex Tennis Courts. Always report the final scores to the head coach when the match is over. Team members are expected to support their teammates as they play. All students are expected to stay until the match is over.

AWAY MATCHES: At away matches, players are responsible for providing their own transportation unless stated otherwise. If you are unable to secure a ride, please contact the coach. Before leaving an away match, please check in with your coach to let them know you are leaving and with whom.

Players may be excused from matches only with the permission of their Coach **with as much notice as possible**.
Players repeatedly not appearing for team matches without being excused beforehand will be limited from participating in future matches.

DRESS CODE

When practicing with the team, acceptable athletic shorts and t-shirts/polos and tennis shoes with socks **MUST** be worn. Bare feet, sandals, crocs or other non-athletic shoes or shoes that leave visible marks will not be permitted on the court.
When playing matches, the team uniform (team polo with khaki-colored tennis shorts) is required.
If your student does not have a team polo, please contact the coach.

CONDUCT:

We expect our players to display the highest level of behavior and sportsmanship in representing their team, ARTA, their family and their community both on and off the court.
On the court, inappropriate language (words deemed inappropriate by the USTA), racket throwing, temper tantrums, or arguing with officials will not be tolerated. Off the court, we expect our players to be at their very best, morally and ethically, in how they conduct themselves. If these standards are not being met, your coach will take appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to, removal from a court, removal from around a court, removal from a public setting or being sent home.

REQUIRED TENNIS ESSENTIALS

Team members must provide their own tennis racket and uniform. If you are unable to get a racket, one may be provided to you.

As our team meets during Michigan's (unpredictable) fall season, please continue to check the weather and **dress appropriately for practices and matches**. Keep a warm hat, gloves, sweatshirt, jacket and pants in your tennis bag at all times.

**In the event of rain or snow, see your TEAM REACH app for postponements or cancelations.*

Please have water bottles or a container filled with water for all scheduled practices and matches and **hydrate prior to play**. Healthful snacks such as bananas, applesauce pouches or granola bars are also highly recommended.

PARENTS/SUPPORTERS

Parents and supporters, you are a vital part of our program! Without your support and contribution, our program would not be as successful as it is.

Here are some ways you can help this 2026 season:

Please try to limit multiple commitments for your student during the tennis season so they can be present and focused for their team.

Parents must refrain from coaching or any interference during match play.

Parents are asked to encourage their student to resolve issues directly with their coaches.

Be active on the TEAM REACH app so you can stay updated on schedule changes/cancelations and announcements.

Parents must be a role model for sportsmanship and team spirit.

Consider volunteering to be a "Team Parent".

Team Parents can help organize snack rotation for matches, organize carpools and help with set up or other team needs.

. If you are interested in being a "Team Parent", please contact the coach.