

Walled Lake Central Tennis

Team Rules and Expectations

Welcome to Walled Lake Central Tennis!!!

1. **Effort:** In tennis and life, what you get out of it depends on what you put into it. Players should set goals for themselves and give their best effort during practice and matches. A player not giving their full effort is compromising the team and themselves. Pay attention and work hard at practice and in matches.
2. **Behavior:** You are part of a team. You are expected to treat coaches, one another, and opponents with respect. Have fun, but be polite, courteous, and respectful. Follow coaches' instructions to the best of your ability. Use of foul language will not be tolerated. Anyone overhearing foul language or witnessing inappropriate behavior by another WLC player is obligated to object immediately. Just say: "That is not who we are!"
3. **Compliance:** Athletes are expected to abide by the law and the WLC Student Code of Conduct. Your behavior must also comply with the terms specified in the Walled Lake Student and Athletic Code of Conduct.
4. **Sportsmanship:** Tennis is a game of honor. You will make your own line calls. Call a ball out only if you are certain. If you and your partner disagree on a call, the call will be made to benefit your opponent. Coaches will reverse improper calls by WLC players during practices and matches. Keep a positive attitude, win or lose.
5. **Be Assertive:** Some opponents will insist your call was incorrect. If you are confident of your call, stand your ground. We will not be intimidated into giving up points. Conversely, if your opponent is making bad calls, ask: "Are you sure?" After three bad calls, ask for a line judge. Be honorable but assertive.
6. **Attendance:** Varsity members must attend ALL practices, matches, and tournaments. Unless excused prior to the start of play, varsity players shall stay on premises until a match, or tournament is complete, and awards have been distributed. Players who miss practice without a valid excuse will not play in the next contest. Non-essential appointments during the season should be rescheduled. If a team member cannot make a team function contact your coach via phone, or text in advance.
7. **Player Rank/Position:** Players will be ranked in order of skill based on *mini tournaments and other performance measures*. High school tennis rules state the best player on the team must play 1 Singles. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th player are not required to play Singles. All team members other than

1 Singles shall play in the position (Singles or Doubles) that the coaching staff determines. Doubles partners will be determined by coaching staff. However, player input will be considered.

8. **Be a Good Teammate:** Support everyone on the team. Talk to everyone and encourage everyone, not just your close friends. You are a member of a team. Anyone can enhance your experience if you take the time to engage and remain open-minded.

When concerns arise, inform your coach of your concerns. You may ask for a meeting or phone call to sort out concerns. Take all concerns to your coach first. Do not take concerns to parents, school administrators or friends before sharing first with your coach.

Repercussions for inappropriate behavior

Failure to behave in an acceptable manner will result in the following consequences

1. A warning for the first time offense.
2. An in-practice penalty such as time out from practice or a penalty activity.
3. Suspension from the team from 1-3 days.
4. Removal from the team.

Egregious behavior will result in immediate suspension or removal.

I, the student-athlete, and parent/guardian, have read the rules and expectations. I agree to follow these rules and guidelines to the best of my ability.

Student Athlete

Parent/Guardian

Student Name Printed

Parent/Guardian Name Printed

Coach Darby O'Reilly