

Walled Lake Central Tennis

Welcome to the team! This contract outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and commitment required to represent our tennis program. By signing, you agree to uphold these standards to the best of your ability.

Team Rules and Expectations

1. Effort:

- Dedicate yourself fully during practices, matches, and tournaments.
- Set personal goals and give your best effort consistently.
- Understand that lack of effort compromises both individual and team success.

2. Behavior:

- Show respect to coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials.
- Maintain politeness and courteous behavior at all times.
- Follow instructions from the coaching staff and avoid inappropriate language or actions.
- If witnessing inappropriate behavior, promptly address it by saying, "Stop it! That is not who we are!"

3. Phone Use:

- Phones are prohibited during practices, matches, and team activities.
- Use phones only after practices or matches are complete.

4. Compliance:

- Adhere to all school policies, athletic codes of conduct, and applicable laws.
- Any violation of these rules may lead to disciplinary action.

5. Sportsmanship:

- Honor the game by making fair and accurate line calls.
- Resolve line-call disagreements by deferring to your opponent.

- Maintain a positive attitude, regardless of match outcomes.

6. Assertiveness:

- Stand firm on accurate calls, but handle disagreements honorably.
- If opponents make repeated incorrect calls, request a line judge after addressing the situation calmly.

7. Attendance:

- Attendance is mandatory for all practices, matches, and tournaments unless excused 24 hours in advance.
- Players must remain on-site until all matches are completed and awards distributed.
- Missing practices without valid reasons will affect match eligibility.

8. Player Rankings and Positions:

- Rankings will be based on mini-tournaments and performance metrics.
- The best player will play as 1 Singles, per high school tennis rules.
- Doubles pairings and team positions will be determined by coaching staff, with player input considered.

9. Team Support:

- Foster team unity by supporting and encouraging all members.
- Build relationships with teammates beyond close friends to strengthen team dynamics.

10. Issue Resolution:

- Address concerns directly with the coach before involving parents, administrators, or peers.
- Request meetings or calls with the coach to resolve issues in a constructive manner.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

1. First Offense:

- Verbal warning.

2. Second Offense:

- Penalty activity or temporary removal from practice.

3. Third Offense:

- Suspension from the team for 1-3 days.

4. Severe or Repeated Offenses:

- Permanent removal from the team.
- Immediate suspension or removal for egregious behavior.

Agreement

By signing below, both the student-athlete and their parent/guardian confirm that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by the terms outlined in this contract.

Student-Athlete Name (Printed): _____

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Coach Name (Printed): _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____