



**Ginepri Performance Tennis Academy**  
**Junior Tennis Membership Handbook**

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**Thank you for your interest in an Olde Towne Athletic Club junior membership and the Ginepri Performance Tennis Academy. The junior membership and GPT academy policies are applicable to all junior participants.**

### **Junior Membership Policies**

A junior or family tennis membership is required. Admission to the academy is at the sole discretion of Jason Parker and Julius Robberts. A one-time \$175 initiation fee is required for all new members.

- Junior 1 Membership (1st Child): \$75/month
- Junior 2 Membership (2nd Child): Additional \$50/month
- Junior 3 Membership (3rd Child): Additional \$50/month
- Family Membership (includes access to fitness and pool): \$235/month

Junior Members have access to:

- Hard and clay courts
- Indoor Courts
- Fitness Center (under age 14 needs adult supervision)
- Yoga Center
- Pool (under age 14 needs adult supervision)
- Restaurant

### **Outdoor Court Privilege:**

Junior members can reserve a tennis court 2 days in advance by calling the pro shop during regular business hours. Phone lines open at 8:30AM (770-578-9901).

- All junior reservations - 2 hours for singles/doubles
- Clay courts cannot be reserved for flex league 3-7 days in advance during following times:
  - Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Mon - Thur 4-7 pm, & Saturday's & Sunday's 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
  - Above reservation times are only permissible using the 2-day in advance reservation rule
- Hard courts cannot be reserved for flex league 3-7 days in advance during following times:
  - Mon - Thur 4-7 pm, & Saturday's & Sunday's 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
  - Above reservation times are only permissible using the 2-day in advance reservation rule
- Junior members must be partnered with a fellow member to participate in Junior Flex League doubles league play.
- Junior members are not permitted to make a flex league play reservation and use it for regular play.
  - Misuse of this policy will result in a \$25 fine and loss of reservation privileges on the 2nd offense.
- Stars members can reserve a tennis court the day of play.
- Clay courts must be swept and lines cleaned off at the completion of each practice/match. Failure to do so will result in a \$10 penalty and possible loss of future reservation privileges.

### **Indoor Court Privilege:**

The indoor courts will be used for Junior drills during inclement weather Monday through Friday (after school hours) and Sunday's at 4pm.

- Juniors can reserve indoor courts the day of play
- Junior may not have guests on the indoor courts
- Junior Academy Members can use indoor courts on a walk-up basis at no charge unless lighting is desired. For lighting, a key needs to be acquired from the Pro Shop to turn the lights on. A \$24 per hour court fee will be applied. Up to 8 juniors at a time per court. If juniors are playing without a \$24 per hour reservation, they must vacate court immediately and pick up balls upon arrival of a reservation. GPT Academy Policies

### **GPT Academy Programs**

Juniors are required to enroll in a minimum of a 2-day per week program \$295/month (2 Day) - \$390/Month (3 Day) - \$470 (4 Day)

- Includes 1 hour group fitness session with an instructor
- Includes organized match play on Saturdays (weather permitting)
  - Signup required (weekly registration email)
- Drills are held on the indoor courts in inclement weather
- Mental Skills Training, Fitness Training and Yoga are also available

### **Criteria for Drill Group Placement (see Academy Group Requirements)**

- Skill Level Evaluation by GPT Coach (brief hitting session)
- Age
- UTR (Universal Tennis Rating)
- GPT Coaches Recommendation

### **Academy Discounts**

We are pleased to offer the following discounts to our families that have more than 1 child in our Academy:

- 1st child: full rate
- 2nd child: \$20 sibling discount
- 3rd child: \$20 sibling discount

### **Coaching at Tournaments:**

Coaching will be available at a select few junior tournaments throughout the year.

Tournament coaching requests can be submitted at <https://forms.gle/vEotpUu4VRs6SS436>.

Please contact Coach Jason at 404-423-8510 or Coach Julius at 770-853-6949 if more information is needed.

### **Payment**

- **All GPT Academy players are required to have a credit card on file with the club.** You may still pay by check, but in order to participate in the program you must provide a credit card number.
- You will receive an emailed statement on the 27th of the month (or the next business day) itemizing your charges at the club including your monthly dues and Academy tuition for the following month and any additional charges made at the club. If you elect to pay by credit card or bank draft monthly, **your card will be charged on the 5th of every month.** If you elect to pay your monthly account balance by check, your check must be received on or before the 10th of each month.

- A \$50 fee will be charged for any late payments, returned checks, or declined credit cards. When a payment has not been made for 60 days your account will be suspended. The junior player(s) linked to the account will not be allowed to attend drills or take lessons until the current balance due is paid in full.

### **Credits**

We grant credit requests for medical or injury related issues only (medical documentation required).

### **Withdrawal from the Program**

- Written notice must be given 30 days prior to resignation or program withdrawal. You may email Jan Parrott at [jan@otac.net](mailto:jan@otac.net). Please keep in mind that OTAC's billing period ends on the 26th of each month.

**Students shall not leave Olde Towne Athletic Club grounds during the course of regularly scheduled activities without permission of a parent or guardian.**



## **Academy & Stars of the Future Make-Up Policy**

### **Criteria for Make-Up Requests**

- Injury - Note from doctor may be requested
- Illness - Note from doctor may be requested
- Family emergencies
- Extreme weather causing club to close

### **Non-Allowable Requests**

- Tournaments
- School related conflicts / events
- The following holidays: Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve & Day, New Years Eve & Day

### **Submit Your Make-Up Requests via Email or Text**

- **Academy Make-Ups:** Need to be approved by Coach Jason (jason@otac.net / 404-423-8510)
- **Stars of the Future Make-Ups:** Need to be approved by Coach Brandon (brandon@otac.net / 321-474-1225)

Jason and Brandon will respond to make-up requests as soon as possible.

### **Additional Note:**

*Due to limited court space, no make-ups on rainy days.*



## **GPT Academy Group Requirements**

### **Team Select - Two**

Tuesday/Friday 5:30-7 & Sun 4-5:30

- Age: 10-15
- Need to have some history of fundamental training in tennis through tennis camp, group lessons or private lessons
- Commit to consistent GPT Saturday match play sessions and entry level tournaments
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

### **Team Select - One**

Tuesday/Friday 5:30-7 & Sun 4-5:30

- Age: 10-15
- Need to have some tournament playing history (UTR, USTA, ALTA)
- Commit to consistent GPT Saturday match play sessions and entry level tournaments
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

### **Team Advance - Two**

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 5:30-7

- Age Range: 8-14 years
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 1.0-2.99 (not projected)
- Consistent attendance in tennis and conditioning sessions
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (minimum of 6 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

### **Team Advance - One**

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 5:30-7 & Friday 5:30-7

- Age Range: 8-14 years
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 3.0 or above (not projected)
- Consistent attendance in tennis and conditioning sessions
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (minimum of 6 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

### **Team Elite - Two**

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday 4-5:30

- Required Minimum Age: 14
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 1.0 > or be on a high school Varsity or Junior Varsity team
  - Exception: Age 13 and under needs to have a reliable UTR of 2.5 or above (not projected)
- Consistent attendance in tennis drills and conditioning sessions
- Participation in High School Tennis at the Varsity or Junior Varsity Level
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (minimum of 4 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

### **Team Elite - One**

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday 4-5:30

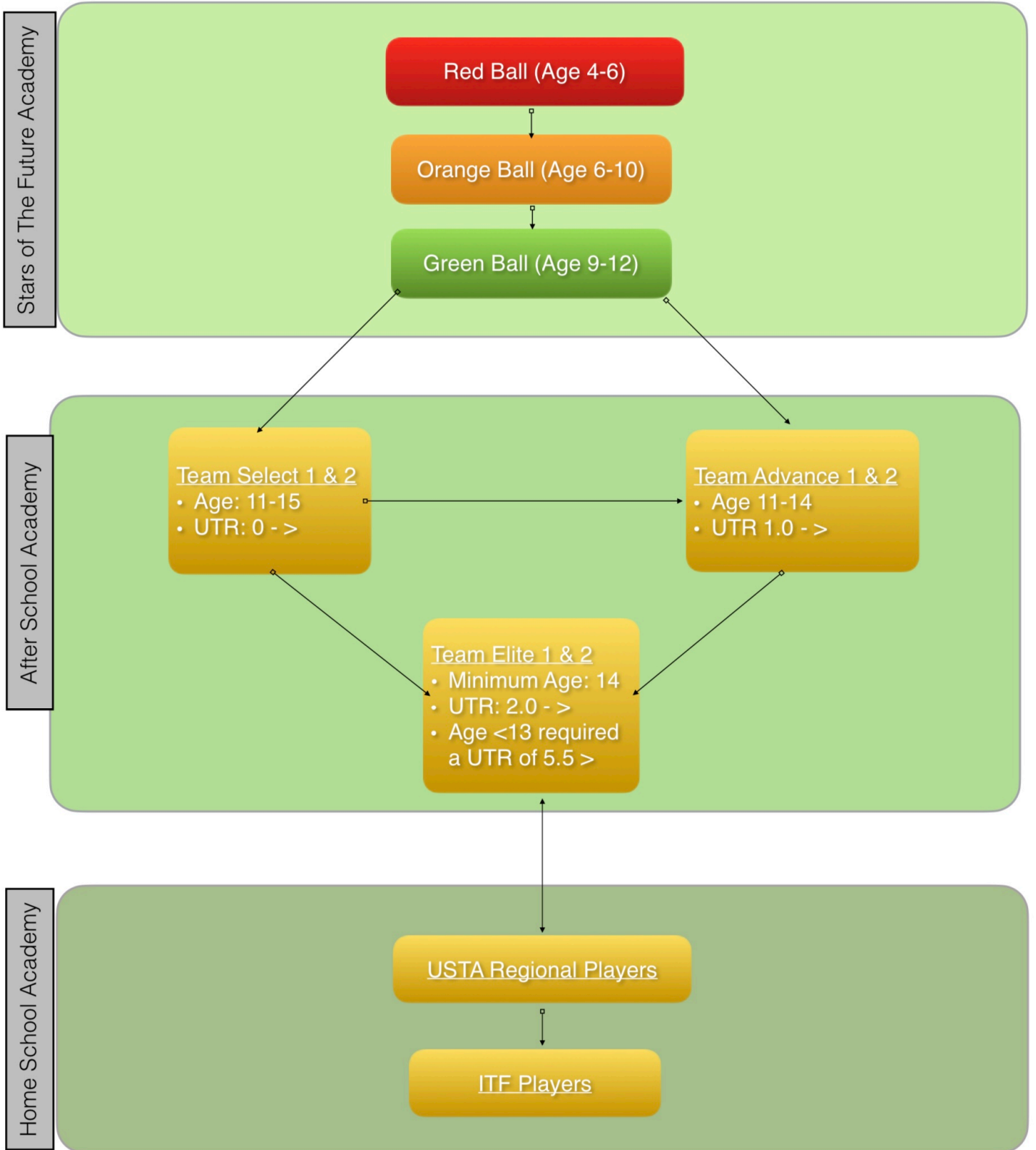
- Required Minimum Age:14
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 4.5 or above (not projected)
  - Exception: Age 13 and under needs to have a reliable UTR of 5.0 or above (not projected)
- Consistent attendance in tennis drills and conditioning sessions
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (minimum of 6 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

***Note: The Director of Tennis reserves the right to grant the occasional special exemption into any of the GPT groups. Please contact Julius Robberts if you have any questions or concerns (julius@otac.net).***





# GPT Academy Levels Flow Chart



## GPT Fitness Training

Included with the GPT After School Academy program is an optional one-hour per week group, fitness training session.

- To schedule the weekly training session please contact Coach Paul (contact information below).
- Space is limited, so if a student is absent 3 times or more in a given month, the student will forfeit their scheduled time slot and will need to reschedule.

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will the kids be using weights?
  - Yes
  - However, before weights are introduced players start training with bands regardless of age until proper form and technique are demonstrated
2. What is the importance of strength training?
  - The number 1 priority of the program is to reduce the likelihood of injury
  - Second, a strong body can handle the demands/stresses that are put on it
3. Will my son/daughter experience soreness after training sessions?
  - This is a complex question. We should welcome some soreness as a sign that the body is getting stronger. Over time the likelihood of it recurring diminishes.
  - The variables are:
    - Amount of time
    - Intensity
    - Consistency

Please contact Paul Fortunato with any questions

Email: [paul@otac.net](mailto:paul@otac.net)

Mobile: 404-610-1046

## **GPT Code of Honor**

### **Purpose of Code**

GPT's goal is not only to train and develop students athletically but to provide a culture that creates responsible and concerned citizens. Such goals are not limited to the student's athletic pursuits but also his or her personal growth. GPT expects to develop athletes of character and has formulated guidelines for students and their parents\guardians to adhere to in furtherance of this goal, including but not limited to: the respect of others as well as themselves and the opportunities presented by GPT; following the Code and the rules and regulations governing GPT and nurturing leaders in order to breed success on and off the court.

### **The Code Generally**

Students of the GINEPRI PERFORMANCE TENNIS ACADEMY (the "GPT") are required to abide by the GPT rules and regulations and this Code of Honor (the "Code"). Each student is expected to treat all persons with respect, including fellow students, guests and the GPT staff. In the event that a student has first hand knowledge or learns that a fellow student is involved in, has been involved in or is planning any action that is or will be in violation of this Code, is or will be harmful to him or herself, to another student, or to the GPT staff or learns of any activity that may adversely affect any other member of the GPT community or is in violation of the Code, such student is duty bound to report any such occurrence to the GPT staff. Such actions include racism, harassment, violence, theft and the possession or use of weapons, drugs, inhalants, alcohol or tobacco.

### **Honesty**

GPT requires honesty above all else and will not tolerate violations of this Code or the reporting requirements contained herein. All students are duty bound to tell the truth at all times, regardless of the repercussions.

### **Knowledge of Violation**

If a student is asked about a potential violation of the Code or the GPT rules or regulations, whether or not the alleged violation involves the student or another student, the student is required to tell the truth. If the student refuses to answer or truthfully answer questions from the GPT staff, the student will be disciplined. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, being suspended or dismissed from GPT without refund.

### **Rules and Regulations**

Violation of any of the following rules may include the immediate dismissal, suspension from GPT without refund or other discipline, as appropriate:

- Theft or involvement in the theft of property or identity.
- The use, sale, purchase, distribution, or possession (or arranging/facilitating the use, sale, purchase, distribution, or possession) drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol. GPT's staff and employees reserve the right to inspect sport bags for such items.
- Any student found to possess drugs or drug paraphernalia, or who remains in any situation or place (for more than a reasonable amount of time to become aware of the situation) where drugs, substances, or alcohol are present, will be considered to be in violation of the GPT rules.
- Possession of firearms, knives, weapons or other dangerous instruments.
- Fighting, this includes physical and/or verbal abuse.

- Physical damage to any property, whether or not while attending or participating in a GPT activity.
- Inappropriate contact with another student or acts considered having a sexual connotation or sexual overtones whether or not such activity occurs on or off the GPT grounds.
- Any form of gambling by students is prohibited (including on the Internet and the sports field).
- Harassment via the use of any phone or electronic media including (but not limited to) Internet chat sessions, instant or text messaging or e-mail.
- Harassing or disrespecting fellow athletes, GPT staff members, employees, guests or tournament officials and staff.
- Use of profanity, violent, or harassing speech or writings and images (including in emails and instant messaging).
- Pornographic material, and viewing pornographic sites on the Internet, is strictly prohibited. The purchase, sale, possession of, or passing on (or arranging/facilitating the purchase, sale, possession, or passing on) pornographic material to others (including via the Internet, at hotels during tournaments or GPT supervised overnight trips) is also prohibited.
- Wearing clothes with offensive advertising or content or wearing clothes that are too revealing by the GPT standards.
- Wrestling or other rough games or behavior.
- Use, sale, purchase, distribution, or possession (or arranging/facilitating the use, sale, purchase, distribution, or possession) of cigarettes, cigars, or chewing tobacco.
- All codes, policies, rules and regulations mentioned in this Code.

GPT reserves the right to inquire about, inspect, or search any personal property at any time for any reason deemed necessary by the GPT or its staff and employees.

GPT reserves the right to add to, remove, or change these rules at its discretion with or without notice.

### **Harassment Policy**

#### **Zero Tolerance**

GPT seeks to provide a safe and secure environment where every individual who attends the Academy is treated with sensitivity and respect. GPT has a zero tolerance policy toward harassment in any form. "Harassment" is defined as unacceptable behavior toward a student, staff member, employee, or other member of the GPT community on the basis of that person's race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability that has the intent or effect of substantially interfering with the person's educational, sport, or training environment.

#### **Harassment Complaint Procedure**

Each student shares a responsibility to ensure that the GPT environment is free from all forms of harassment. All claims and reports of harassment will be treated in a serious manner. Faculty, staff, students, and parents/guardians should contact, on a confidential basis, the Director of Tennis at (770) 578-9901 if they are subjected to, or witness incidents of harassment or other inappropriate behavior. All harassment complaints will be investigated. The investigations will be conducted in a manner designed to provide confidentiality, but also to conduct a full and fair investigation. There will be no retaliation against a person who has filed a good faith complaint of harassment. If the

harassment complaint is substantiated, GPT will take appropriate disciplinary action up to, and including suspension or dismissal of students without refund or the discipline of staff and employees. If warranted, a written report of the investigation may be prepared and recommendation made.

### **Disciplinary Action**

A substantiated charge against a student or a group of students could result in the following actions: dismissal or suspension from GPT without refund; referral to local authorities.

### **False Claims**

Any student or parent/guardian that makes a knowingly false claim or report of harassment for any reason will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action up to, and including suspension or dismissal of students without refund. Any faculty or staff of GPT that makes a knowingly false claim or report of harassment against any student or their parent/guardian for any reason will be subject to discipline from GPT.

## **Miscellaneous Policies**

### **Personal Property**

The Academy is not able to prevent the theft, loss, unauthorized use, or damage of personal property of students, their parents/guardians, or their guests. Students and their parents/guardians must take responsibility for protecting and caring for any personal property they decide to bring to GPT.

### **Parent\Guardian Conduct**

Parents\guardians are permitted to attend academy practices but may do so upon the condition that the parent/guardian does not cause a distraction to the students or coaches. If GPT or any of its instructors, in their sole and absolute discretion, determine that a parent\guardian is disruptive to GPT's program or interferes with it in any way, including an attempt to coach a student, or is abusive toward or harasses a student or the GPT's staff, GPT is authorized to immediately dismiss the parent\guardian from the GPT's training facility or from a match, as the case may be. In the event that it is necessary to dismiss a parent\guardian as described above, GPT, in its sole and absolute discretion, can prohibit the parent\guardian from attending practices and matches for so long as GPT decides. If GPT allows the parent\guardian to later attend practices and\or matches and the parent\guardian continues his or her disruptive behavior, if the parent\guardian continues to be disruptive while banned from attending practices and\or matches or if it is determined that the parent\guardian is so disruptive that he or she threatens the harmonious operation of GPT, GPT reserves the right to dismiss the student from GPT without refund.

### **Conduct During Training Sessions and\or Competition**

GPT students engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct during training or competition will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Unsportsmanlike conduct during training or competition include but are not limited to; racket abuse, ball abuse, verbal abuse, continuous negative self-talk, giving up "tanking", and intentionally disrupting the training of the group. Procedure for dealing with unsportsmanlike conduct during practice include; 1) verbal warning, 2) 10 minute time out/ball pickup duty, 3) suspending student from the current practice session. Repeat offenders are subject to suspension, or dismissal of students without refund.

### **Impact of Tardiness**

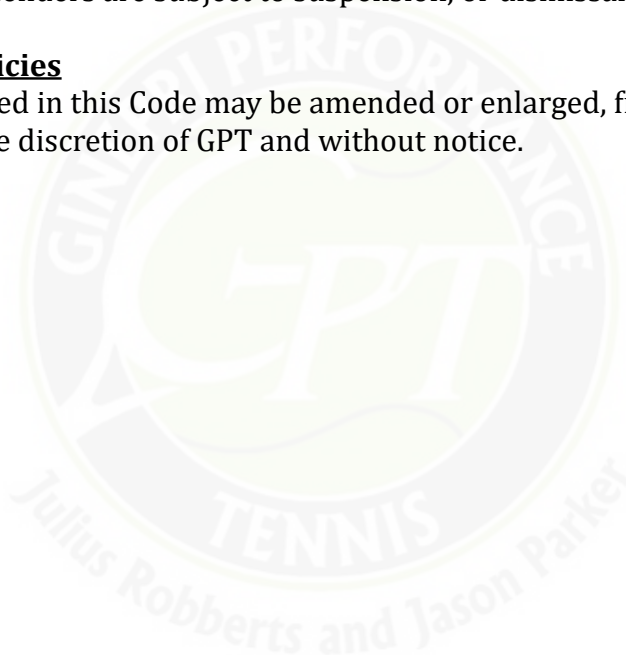
As a courtesy to the coaching staff and fellow students, the Director of Tennis needs to be notified when a student is going to be late for academy drills. It is important for students to understand the disruption that is caused when students are late. The parent or student must text Coach Julius at 770-853-6949 to communicate any late arrivals so that the coaching staff can prepare the drill courts properly. If Coach Julius is not notified, disciplinary action for tardiness without notification can include running laps, running sprints and/or ball pick-up duty.

### **Cell Phone Use During Practice**

Cell phone use of GPT players during practice is not permitted. Students who need to use their phone for emergencies need to obtain permission from a GPT coach. If permission is granted the student will need to leave the court while using his\her cell phone. Phones of students who violate the cell phone rule will be confiscated and parents will need to contact the Director of Tennis in order for a phone to be returned to a student. Repeat offenders are subject to suspension, or dismissal without refund.

### **Amendment to Policies**

The policies contained in this Code may be amended or enlarged, from time to time, in the sole and absolute discretion of GPT and without notice.



## SIGNATURE PAGE

*(Please sign and return this page to the GPT Pro Shop)*

I have read and understood the contents of the honor code and by signing this I, the parent\student, agree to abide by these rules.

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

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