

Ginepri Performance Tennis Academy Junior Tennis Membership Handbook

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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): \$245/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

General Court Reservations

- *Two Day In Advance Rule*: Junior Member court reservations can be made two days in advance by calling the Pro Shop 2 days in advance during regular pro shop hours (770-578-9901). Online courts reservation privileges are only available to Adult Tennis Memberships.
- Stars members can reserve a tennis court the day of play.
- Morning clay/hard court reservations must be scheduled from 7-9, 9-11 and 11-1 Monday through Sunday.
- Afternoon clay court reservations can be made on the half-hour in one or two hour blocks.
- One court can be reserved per each phone call.
- Junior Members <u>cannot</u> make reservations for other members and <u>must</u> utilize the court reserved in their own name during their "Regular Play" reservation. Failing to do so will result in a \$25 penalty.
- No reservations will be accepted from voicemails.
- Online court reservation privileges using YourCourts are only available to adult tennis members.
- OTAC reserves the right to make changes due to weather and court maintenance issues.
- Junior Members/guest must check in at the Pro Shop before play (see guest policy below).
- Always check with the Pro Shop attendant before using a court that is not assigned to vou.

Cancellation and Waiting Rule

- As a courtesy to fellow members, you must cancel any court reservation that will not be used.
- Failure to do so by your scheduled time will result in a \$25 fine for the person making the reservation.
 - By canceling your court as soon as possible, it gives fellow members who are on the waiting list an opportunity to play.
- If two or more junior members are not present at the time of their court reservation for doubles or singles, a **10-minute waiting period** will go into effect.

• At the end of the 10-minute waiting period the court becomes available for walk-up reservations.

Flex League Court Reservations

- Junior Member can call the pro shop to reserve a flex league court 3-7 days in advance.
- No more than 2 Flex League matches can be scheduled in the same time slot 3-7 days in advance.
- <u>Clay courts</u> 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
- <u>Hard courts</u> cannot be reserved for flex league 3-7 days in advance during the 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
- A junior member must be partnered with a fellow member to participate in 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.

Court Assignment Pecking Order

- 1. A scheduled team match or play-off match
- 2. Team make-up matches
- 3. Scheduled team practice
- 4. Lesson courts
- 5. Social and regular reservations/Round Robins

Guest Policy

- \$7.50 Guest Fee for Outdoor Courts and Fitness Center.
- \$5.00 Guest Fee for Pool.
- A Guest may visit 6 times per calendar year (3 times for indoor courts).
- Guest(s) must fill out a Guest Registration Card and sign the Hold Harmless Agreement before play. Date of each visit will be recorded on the registration card.
- Junior members who do not sign in their guest(s) <u>BEFORE</u> play, will receive a penalty charge of \$25.
- If a junior member sponsors the same guest more than six (6) times in a given year, the Member will be fined and/or Membership will be terminated.
- The Guest Policy does not apply to flex league opponents.

Clay Court Grooming

- Clay courts must be swept at the END of Play for all matches (including last reservation).
- A warning will be issued the first time a court is not swept.
- A \$10 fine will be assessed to the member who made the reservation the second time a court is not swept.
- The member who made the reservation will lose clay court playing privileges for one week the third time a court is not swept.

Inclement Weather Policy

- If Cobb County Schools are closed, OTAC will most likely be closed.
- Go to the Ginepri Performance Tennis Facebook page for additional updates
- Rain/Wet Courts Junior Members must be prepared to squeegee courts as needed
- Ice on Courts **Attempting to remove ice from the courts can be harmful to the courts t**he ice must be allowed to melt, followed by the use of squeegees or brushes

Private Lessons

- Please inquire in the Pro Shop or with one of the tennis pros for rates and scheduling.
- To cancel a lesson, please call no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson.
- Cancellations after 24 hours or no notification will result in full payment assessed for the missed lesson.

Indoor Court Privilege:

The indoor courts will be used for Junior Academy drills during inclement weather Monday through Friday (after school hours) and Sunday's at 4pm (Does not apply to STARS program).

- Juniors can reserve indoor courts the day of play
- Junior may <u>not</u> 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 Programs

Juniors are required to enroll in a minimum of a 2-day per week program \$310/month (2 Day) - \$405/Month (3 Day) - \$485 (4 Day)

- Includes access to a complimentary 1-hour group fitness session with a fitness instructor (space limited)
- Includes access a complimentary organized match play on Saturdays (weather permitting)
 - Signup required as spots are limited (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 Programing 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 discount3rd child: \$20 sibling discount

GPT Tournament Coaching

The GPT tournament coaching initiative is designed for GPT coaches to observe and coach your child at selected tournaments throughout the year. The initiative assesses every academy family \$15 per month creating a tournament coaching budget.

The goal is to offer coaching at a minimum of 4 pre-selected USTA tournaments per year at the following levels:

- Intermediate Level (USTA Level 6 & 7)
- Advanced Level (USTA Level 3-5)

You can find the most updated list of the GPT selected tournaments on our website (https://gpttennis.net/junior-documents). The selection is subject to change.

Coaching will include the following:

- Guaranteed 2-days of coaching at the selected tournament
- Early morning pre-match group warm-up at a predetermined site/time
- Scouting of upcoming opponents when possible
- Game plan development
- Coaching when players split sets
- Match analysis/summary following the match

GPT Tournament Coaching Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How many coaches will be going to my tournament? The number of coaches will be determined by the number of players entered and the number of locations. We are committed to providing quality coaching service.
- 2. Who are the coaches that will be going to my child's tournaments? The goal is to have the same GPT coaches that instruct your child's group during the week also observe them at the tournament.
- 3. What if my child does not get into the designated tournament? Coach Jason will be offering a 2-hour Sunday make-up practice session per quarter for students who were not able to get into a designated tournament
- 4. What if the tournament gets canceled? We will select a different tournament at that level for the coaches to attend, but only if no matches were played at the tournament.
- 5. What if USTA suspends tournament play due to COVID? If USTA tournament play is suspended for 4 weeks or longer, the tournament coaching fee will not be billed during that time.
- 6. Can I opt-out of the monthly tournament assessment? No, we believe it is critical for coaches to be able to observe your child in competition. This format will ensure the best opportunity and the most cost-effective for all our families.
- 7. Will the pre-selected tournaments include out of state tournaments? No, the pre-selected tournaments will be local ones that do not require an overnight stay. However, parents seeking coaching during out of state tournaments can contact me directly for coaching options and cost.

Coaching at Additional Tournaments:

Additional tournament coaching requests can be submitted at https://forms.gle/vEotpUu4VRs6SS436. Please contact the Director of Tennis for more information (julius@otac.net).

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.

Delinquent Member Accounts

• Member accounts need to be current in order to participate in the Academy or Stars programs.

- Member account owners who have a past due balance on their monthly statement must pay the past due and current balance within 3 business days, including the \$50 late fee.
- Failure to pay the past due balance in full within 3 business days (including late fee) will result in the following:
 - 1. Junior members on the account will be withdrawn from any programming effective immediately (GPT Academy Program or Stars of the Future)
 - Players looking to return to programming once the past due balance has been paid in full might be subject to be placed on the waiting list if a programming session is at capacity.
 - 2. Private lessons will be suspended immediately until the past due balance has been paid in full
 - 3. All future purchases in pro shop and/or restaurant will be cash only for all members on the account, until the past due balance has been paid in full
- Member account owners experiencing financial difficulty can contact the business office to discuss a possible payment plan
- Member accounts whose account balance is 30-days or more past due may involve the Olde Towne Athletic Club attorney, or be turned over to a collection agency

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. 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
- Family vacations
- 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 Julius (julius@otac.net)
- Stars of the Future Make-Ups: Need to be approved by Coach Brandon (brandon@otac.net / 321-474-1225)

Julius 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 - One

- Age: 10-15
- Need to have some tournament playing history (UTR, USTA, ALTA)
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 1.00-1.74 (not projected)
- Commit to consistent GPT Saturday match play sessions and entry level tournaments
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

Team Select - Two

- Age: 8-15
- 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 Advance - One

- Age Range: 8-14 years
- **Reliable/Verified** 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)
- Consistent attendance in weekend match play sessions
- Abide by GPT Honor Code
- Maintain a consistent private lesson schedule

Team Advance - Two

- Age Range: 8-14 years
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 1.75-2.99 (not projected)
- "Stand Out Factor" (Consistent split step, unit turn, and continental grip skills)
- Consistent attendance in GPT tennis drills
- Consistent attendance in GPT conditioning sessions
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (minimum of 6 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

Team Elite - One

- Required Minimum Age:14
- **Reliable/Verified** Singles UTR = 5.0 or above (not projected)
- Consistent attendance in tennis drills and GPT group fitness sessions
- Consistent attendance in weekend match play sessions
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (min of 6 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code
- Maintain a consistent private lesson schedule

^{**} Player has to meet 5 of 7 requirements to be eligible for Team Advance One **

^{**} Player has to meet 5 of 7 requirements to be eligible for Team Advance Two **

^{**} Player has to meet 5 of 7 requirements to be eligible for Team Elite One **

Team Elite - Two

- Required Minimum Age:14
- **Reliable** Singles UTR = 1.0 > or be on a high school Varsity or Junior Varsity team
- Consistent attendance in GPT tennis drills
- Consistent attendance in GPT conditioning sessions
- Maintain consistent/regular tournament schedule (minimum of 4 per fiscal year)
- Abide by GPT Honor Code

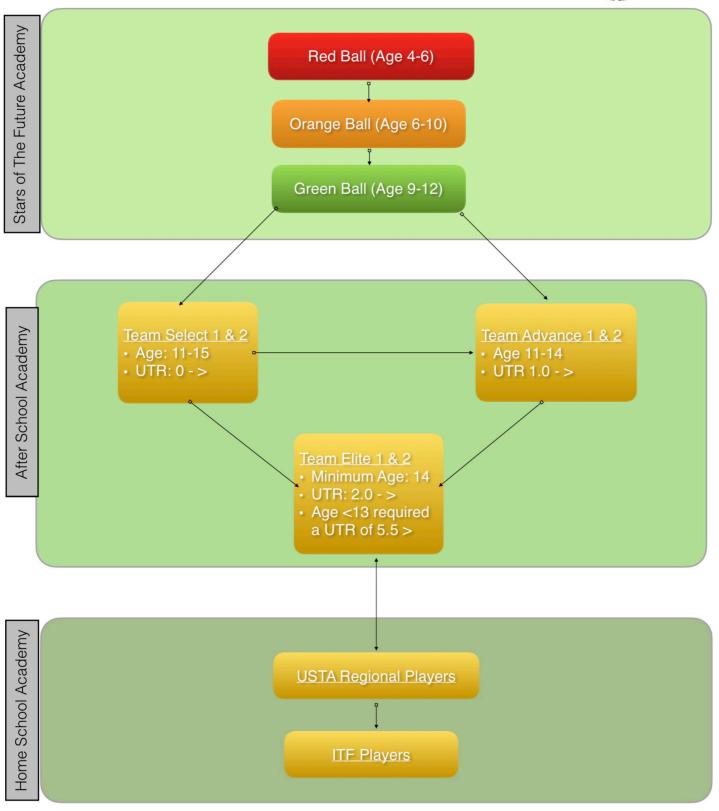
<u>Note</u>: The Director of Tennis reserves the right to grant the occasional special exemption into any of the GPT groups. Please contact Julius Robberts if you have any questions or concerns (julius@otac.net).



^{**} Player has to meet 5 of 6 requirements to be eligible for Team Elite Two **

GPT Academy Levels Flow Chart





GPT Fitness Training

Included with the GPT After School Academy program is an complimentary 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 2 times or more in a given month without prior notice, 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

Consistency

- Intensity

GPT After School Academy Fitness Assessments (2-Times Per Year September/April)

Purpose:

- To help students establish personal fitness goals
- Provide feedback to players and parents on overall fitness level
- Track player fitness progress over the course of the year(s)

Areas Tested:

- 1. Agility (using QuickBoard Computer): The agility rating is a composite score of an athlete's overall agility. The QuickBoard test includes:
 - Foot-fire (10 sec) measures explosiveness
 - Double leg reaction measures ability to react
 - Stagger step left/stagger step right measures coordination/movement efficiency
- 2. Vertical Jump measures explosive leg power (vertical force vector)
- 3. Broad Jump measures explosive leg power (horizontal force vector)
- 4. 20 yard fly measures the athlete's ability to accelerate
- 5. 1 mile run (ages 16 & up only) measures aerobic capacity

Cost:

• Included for GPT Academy players enrolled in GPT After School Academy "Group Fitness" & morning Home School fitness sessions

Please contact Paul Fortunato with any questions

Email: 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.

Signature of Parent / Guardian	Signature of Parent / Guardian
Print Name	Print Name
Date	Date
Signature of Parent / Guardian	Signature of Parent / Guardian
Print Name	Print Name
Date	Date
Signature of GPT Student	
Print Name	
Date	