



 The Villages Charter Middle School 

## 2024 Girls Tennis Team

Congratulations! You have been selected to represent The Villages Charter Middle School Girls' Tennis Team. You were chosen because you possess a willingness to be a team player, you have athletic ability in tennis, and great potential. You demonstrate a positive work ethic, drive, competitive attitude, and lastly, skill ability and/or experience pertinent to this team. We are a growing program and are thrilled that you will be a part of its continued success.

Please read the following information carefully and share it with your parents. This handbook contains guidelines for the tennis program, and may answer questions you may have. You and your parents should "sign" the electronic signature page under the Tennis Page of the VCMS Athletics page after you have read through this material together.

### **Practice Guidelines**

A practice schedule has been provided to each player. Practices will be from 3:15-5:30pm at the Villages High School tennis courts. Players must be picked up from that location at 5:30pm. You are expected to make every effort to attend every practice. After the dismissal, please report to the

locker room and prepare for practice. If proper footwear is not worn, a player will not be allowed to attend practice. Upon arrival, you will take your belongings in a designated area and help with any necessary setup procedures. During the course of practice you should ALWAYS hustle. Everyone will display a positive attitude and show respect toward their teammates, as well as their coaches. This is not a time for horseplay. Each practice includes specific skills and drills to be covered. Let's maximize our time and improve upon your abilities. You are encouraged to bring water, in an unbreakable container, to practices. Water breaks will be provided throughout each practice. For safety reasons, no glass containers are allowed, and chewing gum is prohibited at all times.

You are now part of a team that is composed of talented players who will work to be the best that they can be. Remember to play like winners, you must act like winners. Scores on a board don't dictate the person you are, attitude does.

Practice ends only after all equipment is put away and everyone is expected to participate in clean-up procedures.

\*\*\*If you cannot be at practice, **you are expected** to contact the coach ***BEFORE*** practice starts or you will not be permitted to attend the next tennis match.

## Game Rules

Home games are played at the Chatham Recreation Center. You are expected to attend all matches. If you cannot be at one, you are expected to let the coach know. While at a match, everyone will show respect for, be considerate of, and display a positive attitude to teammates, coaches, and opposing players and parents. Playing time may be affected if you choose inappropriate behavior. All players are expected to stay until all matches have been played at both home and away games unless given permission ahead of time.

Competitive team athletics, by its very nature, create situations where everyone may not have equal playing time and we do not guarantee equal playing time at each match. Playing time is determined by attendance, attitude, effort, performance, the athlete's potential, the team's needs at the moment, and the team's needs in the future. Playing decisions are left solely to the discretion of the coaches and are not up for debate or question. You are, however, encouraged to ask what you can improve on to get more playing time. Our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to improve their playing skills so they can be a part of the games.

We encourage parental support in all of our tennis endeavors. We hope that you find the time spent with our team enjoyable. We encourage your efforts to model good sportsmanship behavior as we enter into an exciting season! Go Buffalos!

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Girls Tennis Buffalo  
Player/Parent  
2024 Handbook Agreement

I/We have read the player/parent handbook of The Villages Charter Middle School Tennis Program and accept the responsibilities associated with being a part of this team.

I/We understand all that is written within the handbook and agree to abide by all the rules and requirements as stated without reservation.

**\*\*Please use the signature page on the tennis page under The Villages Charter School Middle School Athletics tab**

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Parent Signature Date

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Player Signature Date