

Lakeville South Girls' Tennis Policies

▪ Lettering

- Earning a varsity letter is an honor and it is the hope of this coaching staff that earning a letter is met with the same respect as a letter in any other activity.
- We will continue to refine the following criteria with each season.
- Any player who fulfills any one (or more) of the following criteria will be ELIGIBLE (does not mean you will) to receive a varsity letter:
 - Play in 9 (or more) Varsity matches throughout the season (excluding tournaments.)
 - Win at least 6 matches for the Varsity team during the season.
 - Make the roster in post-season play.
 - Any senior who has not met the above criteria, but have been a positive member of our program for three (3) years will have the opportunity to receive a varsity letter (coaches discretion).
- In the event that the varsity team becomes Conference/Section champs, all players who were carried as Varsity players during the season become ELIGIBLE to receive a letter.
- As with any program, the final decisions for lettering are at the coaches discretion and can be influenced by the following variables: attendance, attitude, effort (during both the on and off season), willingness to play where there is a team need, dedication during practice and respect shown to coaches and teammates.

▪ Challenge Matches

- The Challenge Form must be filled out completely before any challenge match will be considered.
- Players will be allowed one (1) challenge per season.
- The challenge match must take place before school starts.
- The match will be best 2 out of 3 sets with regular scoring and a 7 point tie-breaker.
- Players can only challenge up one spot (i.e. the 11th player on the roster can only challenge the 10th player.)
- Understand that a win DOES NOT guarantee you get the spot.
- Challenging player must win two (2) separate matches to be considered the winner.
- Coaches reserve the right to request a Coaches Challenge at any point in the season (i.e. for post-season play.)
- Keep in mind that if you are, for example, the #1 player on JV (singles), wanting to challenge the #10 player on varsity (doubles) a win does not guarantee a switch. Some players are better at doubles than singles and coaches take many factors into consideration when contemplating a switch to make sure we are submitting the best team possible.
- Coaches will meet with both players following the challenge match to discuss the outcome.
- A 7th, 8th or 9th grader, with above average skill, will need to be prepared to help the team however they can. They must show

exceptional dedication, maturity and skill to play varsity before a junior or senior in the same spot.

▪ **Parent Expectations**

- We would expect parents to be positive about our program. If a parent makes negative comments about our program, the coaching staff, or other athletes, it prevents success and hurts others who are participating. When an athlete hears her parents speaking negatively, she learns to be negative, not only about the program, but others too. Parents are important teachers, they teach by example. If there are problems that arise, talk with the coaches and try to make positive suggestions.
- Help recruit good athletes!
- Try to attend as many matches as possible.
- Don't be afraid to volunteer your help. If there is something that you would like to do for the team, please feel free to ask. We can use your help!