



# MESA VERDE GIRLS TENNIS

## *Team Policies and Procedures*

**Welcome to the 2019 season of the Mesa Verde Girls Tennis Team. I am excited about the season and look forward to helping our players have fun while learning how to improve their tennis game and creating an environment that allows each student-athlete to achieve their individual goals.**

**Practices:** Official team training will begin on February 7, 2019. All players are expected to attend all training sessions and will be considered absent/unexcused if the coach is not notified in advance that a player will not attend. Emergency situations do arise and the coach reserves the right to accept such absences as excused if the coach is contacted at the earliest possible time following the missed training session. A player who does not attend a training session the day before a match is subject to missing the match entirely or being dropped to exhibition play. Being at training ON TIME is paramount to individual and team success. When players are late, it hampers the development of everyone. Please make every effort to arrive prior to the scheduled start time, ready to begin, properly dressed, and prepared to learn!

**Matches:** The team will use a standard tennis (ranking) ladder as a guide for who will compete in match play and who will be in exhibition. The coach reserves the right to make final selections about who will play in matches and make pairings as he sees most fit for the circumstance. In some instances, the coach may select a player, who is lower on the ladder, to play in a match above a higher ranked player. Tennis is a team sport and the best interests of the team will always be considered when selecting who plays each match. Individual results do matter and a player's best interests will also play a role in the match play selection process.

**Ladder and Challenges:** Challenge matches (to ascend the ladder) will take place when players request a challenge. Players may challenge no more than two spots above their current ladder placement.

**Team eligibility:** CIF requires a minimum 2.0 GPS with zero or one F, to be eligible for interscholastic athletics. The Mesa Tennis program expects each player to be minimum 2.0 GPA and **NO F's** throughout the season, in order to attend and play in matches. All players will be expected to complete regular grade and attendance checks above and beyond those required by Mesa Verde HS, SJUSD, GEL and CIF. Players who do not meet the expectations of the MV Tennis program are subject to missing matches, suspension from play, and possible removal from the team. Should an academic grading and/or attendance issue arise,



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it will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the best interests of the student-athlete and the team being taken into consideration before a decision is rendered.

**Team Transportation:** The tennis team will travel to all away (league) games via district provided bus. All team members will ride on the bus and participate as a member of the team. All team members will also return on the bus following competition. Only those team members in good standing will be allowed to leave school early and travel to our destination. Anyone on restricted travel/team participation should not attend the event, even if they arrive via their own transportation. Behavior on the bus during travel and while at location will be of the highest order and players who display inappropriate actions are subject to disciplinary action. No one is EVER allowed to leave the location of a competition, including wandering around the school hosting the match, without the advance consent of Coach Anderson. Players who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the team!

**Team supporters:** I encourage and request parents, relatives, and friends to attend every possible match. The main point of focus at all times should be to support the development of each individual player and the team as a whole. This can only happen when the players are allowed to play as instructed by the coach, and the spectators focus on supporting players; not directing them how to play. Please allow the players to focus on their play and what the coach has instructed them to do. Placing a student-athlete in a position of choosing between their coach and parent is not only ineffective, it is very unfair.

**Team Issues:** High quality, timely and open communication is a main goal for the coach. It is my intention to provide regular feedback to players, about their development, throughout the course of the season. I understand that questions may arise during the season. Timing in life is very important and the same applies to conflict resolution. Please attempt to contact the coach through email or by phone to discuss issues at a time that does not conflict with team functions

- Allow 24 hours to pass before contacting the coach. This will allow a cooling off period for anyone who might be upset about an issue
- Please contacting the coach on a non-match day
- Please contact the coach at least one hour prior to a training session
- Never contact a coach on the court during training or before/after a match
- Never contact a coach in front of players (yours or others). Please make sure all conversations happen in a private setting.



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If you have a concern:

- a. Contact the head coach first
- b. In the event you cannot go to the coach, contact the Vice Principal of Athletics – Mr Tujague; [btujague@sanjuan.edu](mailto:btujague@sanjuan.edu)

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have questions or need further clarification on any team policies, procedures, or general operations.

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