



2021
Player and Parent
Handbook



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Dear Parents,

This season we are going to need your support in several ways. First of all, I hope that each of you will try to make it to as many matches as possible (at both the Varsity and JV levels). The kids have been working extremely hard and have put in countless numbers of hours to prepare for this season, especially our returning players. It means so much to them to see fans cheering them to victory and success. Our hope this season is that we can get as many supporters out to matches and support all of our teams, despite the hectic schedule and other obligations. Please invite all of your family and friends to come watch our matches too.

Secondly, we are going to need your financial support. Our player's dues are pretty low as compared to most sports, and as most of you know, it takes a significant amount of money to run any kind of high school sports program. We have sponsorship options to assist you with meeting player dues obligations as well. The player dues for this year are \$250 per player. The player dues go to cover all clothing items, as well as other necessary items from our coaching stipends, coaching clinics, the player banquet, equipment and court maintenance, senior night, gifts, etc.

Player dues can be turned into Deanna Laws. Please make checks payable to LHS Tennis.

Another area we need your support is with our food and drink donations. The players will not be availed a concession area for tennis matches, so providing for their needs for each match is done by donation. Please see Deanna Laws to sign up for a match date to help us provide for our players. We need **EVERY** family to get involved!

Please note that it is the responsibility of the player to provide their own rackets and footwear. Actual tennis shoes are best, with soles purposed for hard court surfaces. Also, when purchasing rackets, make sure this is a sport you really want to pursue before unloading a couple hundred dollars for a racket. Owning and using a \$200+ racket is not going to enhance your game until you develop a good deal of mastery over all of the strokes. Find something that is 100 sq. inches or more, one piece, and one that feels good to swing.

Finally, please stay abreast of all tennis-related information by signing up for Remind to get all of Coach Greaves's updates. Keep in mind that as tennis is an outdoor sport, where weather can be a factor, weather-related announcements are then much more time-sensitive. Also note that we use our website for program-related items, as well, which you can access at <https://loganvilletennis.weebly.com>.

We hope this letter (and handbook) helps answer some of the questions you may have and provides you with some essential information for the upcoming season. If you have any more questions or concerns, please see Coach Greaves. Thanks for all of your continued support!

Sincerely,

Tennis Coaching Staff

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Varsity 2021

*Region Opponents in **Bold**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tuesday, Jan. 26 th	South Gwinnett	Home	4:00 PM
Thursday, Jan. 28 th	Dacula	Home	4:00 PM
Monday, Feb. 1 st	Grayson	Home	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 2 nd	Parkview	Home	4:00 PM
Monday, Feb. 8 th	Oconee County	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 11 th	George Walton	Away	4:00 PM
<u>WINTER BREAK Feb. 15th - 17th</u>			
Thursday, Feb. 18 th	Bethlehem Christian	Home	4:00 PM
Monday, Feb. 22 nd	Grayson	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 24 th	Buford	Away	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Mar. 2 nd	Eastside	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday, Mar. 4 th	Walnut Grove	Away	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Mar. 9 th	Clarke Central	Home	4:00 PM
Thursday, Mar. 11 th	Apalachee	Home	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Mar. 16 th	Jackson County	Away	4:00 PM
Thursday, Mar. 18 th	Johnson (Gainesville)	Away	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Mar. 23 rd	Greenbrier	Home	4:00 PM
Thursday, Mar. 25 th *(SN)*	George Walton	Home	4:00 PM
<u>Region Tournament</u> Tuesday, Apr. 13 th and Wednesday, Apr. 14 th		Victor Lord Park	TBD

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JV 2021

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tuesday, Jan. 26 th	South Gwinnett	Home	4:00 PM
Monday, Feb. 1 st	Grayson	Home	4:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 4 th	Apalachee	Home	4:30 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 9 th	Oconee County	Home	4:00 PM
<u>WINTER BREAK Feb. 15th - 17th</u>			
Wednesday, Feb. 24 th	Buford	Away	4:00 PM
Monday, Mar. 1 st	Parkview	Home	4:00 PM
Thursday, Mar. 4 th	Walnut Grove	Away	4:00 PM
Monday, Mar. 8 th	Apalachee	Away	4:30 PM
Monday, Mar. 15 th	Grayson	Away	4:00 PM
Tuesday, Mar. 16 th	Jackson County	Away	4:00 PM
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Player Guidelines

Practice

- Players need to be dressed, ready for practice and on the court **at the start of practice.**
- All players must be in the proper practice clothes. Layer up, pending the weather, and bring proper head gear for cold days. Consider the use of hats/visors for the low-setting sun, and batting gloves to keep your hands warm.
- Always come equipped with racquet and tennis shoes.
- **No cell phones or headphones are allowed in the courts during practice.**
- Parents are welcome to watch practice. However, please do not come on to the courts and please refrain from talking to the players during practice.
- Parents – if your child cannot drive, please make arrangements for your child to be picked up after practice each afternoon.

Private Professional and/or Academy Training

- Private Professional Training and/or Academy Training has proven to be vital to virtually all GHSA tennis programs. The most significant improvement in a player's skill set happens in such an environment, in particular, in the off-season, where there is more time to pursue it. A good number of players throughout the state continue to train as much during the season as well. Any player who wishes to pursue Professional Training and/or Academy Training may do so **AFTER** LHS practices.

Match Days

- All players must be at the courts on time (time will be specified by coaches and may vary from match to match). Varsity matches precede JV matches, non-region matches are single, 8 game pro sets, while region matches are best two of three sets. (Unless previously agreed upon by the coaches)
- Transportation will be provided to all away regular season matches.
- If a player rides the bus to a match, they must ride the bus back to the school (any exceptions to this rule must be approved in advance by the coach *and the athletic director*).
 - **NEW RULE: Parents** can provide transportation to and from all away matches to reduce the number of players on the bus. The process for this is for a **parent** to notify Coach Greaves and fill out the google form provided in order to keep up with who should be on the bus. This needs to be filled out **prior** to departure.
- No parents are allowed on the courts during a match.
- Parents – please no coaching from the stands. The players have enough to concentrate on as it is without us giving instructions to them. Also, coaching from the stands is ground for disqualification. This is a GHSA policy. We (and this includes the coaches) need to support them and cheer for them during match situations. Coaching and teaching occurs during practice and during point changeovers, not while they are on the courts playing.
- In the instance of line calls, suspected cheating, etc, notify any one of the coaching staff immediately.
- After the matches, all players will have to clean up the courts and spectator areas. Parents, please allow them to finish their job before talking with them or taking them home.



Injuries

- Please notify one of the coaching staff of any ache, pain, injury, or illness.
- The coaching staff can provide advice or medical treatment for minor injuries (cuts, scrapes, sprains, strains, etc.).
- We have a trainer who is on call in instances of injuries.
- Any major injury must be treated by a qualified medical doctor. Any major injury that requires physical therapy, surgery, or other medical treatment (provided by a doctor) needs a medical release in order for the players to return to playing. *This includes injuries sustained in the off-season.*
- If a player gets ill during the season and is contagious (strep throat, flu, stomach virus, skin infections, etc.), and is treated by a doctor, he/she will also need a medical release in order to resume playing.
 - NOTE: Walton County COVID protocol and procedures are followed in regard to all extracurricular activities.
- All major head/spine injuries sustained in practice or matches require the player to sit out for a minimum of 24 hours (unless released by a medical doctor).
- Common colds and allergies do not need a medical release.
- Please notify the coaching staff of any player's medical conditions or allergies.
- For all major injuries during the season, the coaching staff will file an injury report with the school nurse.

Sportsmanship

- Sportsmanship is a priority and a MAJOR point of emphasis of the GHSA.
- Sportsmanship is the responsibility of the players, coaches, parents, and fans. All are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner that exhibits the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Those that exhibit poor sportsmanship will be **removed** from the playing court/site.
- Any parent ejected or removed from the courts will not be permitted to attend the next two matches (or until 2 matches at that same level have been played).
- Please refrain from making negative comments to the players and coaches. They are human and are trying to do their best. They will make mistakes from time-to-time. Let the head coach address all situations with the players, as well as with the other teams' coaches.

Lettering Qualifications

- Any player that is on the starting lineup and plays at least 3 Varsity matches.
- Seniors on the Varsity team that have been in the program for more than 1 year.
- Any player who does not meet the following requirements but is on the postseason roster FOR THE STATE PLAYOFFS.

GHSA Policies

- All players must have a current physical and insurance on file before they can participate (physicals are good for 1 calendar year).
- All players must meet eligibility requirements – pass 3 of 4 classes during fall semester and be on-track to graduate – in order to participate.
- Varsity matches allowed: 18
- Junior Varsity matches allowed: 13 matches
- No player may play more matches (Varsity / JV combined) than originally scheduled at the Varsity level.



TEAM RULES

1. TEAM first! Play and practice hard, pay attention to detail, strive to improve, compete every day, and above all, support the team above yourself.
2. You MUST attend practice every day. If you checkout from school, let your coach know. If you are not going to be at school, call your coach and leave a message to that effect.
3. Suspensions from school will not be tolerated. If you are suspended from school (ISS or OSS), you will not be allowed to participate in practice and/or match on the day of your suspension. You will also condition to make up for time missed.

Missed Match (unexcused) – Sit out the next match and After Practice Conditioning.

I.S.S. – 2 days of After Practice Conditioning for each day of I.S.S.

O.S.S. – Miss the number of matches equal to the number of days of O.S.S. and 2 days of After Practice Conditioning for each Day of O.S.S.

4. NO use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
5. No use of profane language or inappropriate conduct while on the court or representing Loganville Tennis.
6. All players will conduct themselves appropriately while using social media.
7. The coach reserves the right to suspend or remove any player whose actions or attitudes are detrimental to the team.

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COURT RULES / EXPECTATIONS



1. Know the daily schedule and where you should be, for practice and/or matches.
2. Be on time – this means dressed and ready to start at the proper time.
3. Get prepared for matches appropriately - hydrate and eat right, get proper rest, then warm-up routinely before the start of your match.
4. Play hard and have fun.
5. Officiate your match with high integrity, and extend the benefit of the doubt when you are unsure on line calls.
6. If line calls become a concern, confer with your coaches.
7. Keep the courts and spectator areas clean.



Parental Concerns and Questions-Communication

- As always, this coaching staff has maintained an “open door” policy with all players and parents. We have always been willing to discuss questions or concerns dealing with our program. This means that we are willing to speak about concerns or questions but at appropriate times.
- If your son/daughter has a question or concern, talk with him/her first and have him/her talk with the coaches about that question or concern.
- If you would like to discuss a question or concern (after talking with your child), please e-mail Coach Greaves to set up an appointment. In all situations where we meet and discuss an issue, your child needs to be present with you.
- Do not expect me (or the other coaches) to answer questions during practice, before or after matches, during a match, or on the phone. Set up an appointment, and we will discuss things in a professional manner.
- I (and the other coaches) **DO NOT** discuss playing time. If at any point our conversation involves your child’s playing time or another player’s playing time, then the meeting will end. Please understand that this is a **large program** and not everyone plays equal amounts of time.
- If you have a question about a coaching philosophy, we are always willing to explain my viewpoints and why we do things a certain way at LHS.



Parent Code of Conduct

GHSА SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director
Georgia High School Association

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship. The six core principles of sportsmanship are: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.** The highest potential of athletics is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character/sportsmanship."

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate in tennis to have fun and to represent their school and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or injury that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every match and practice.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, bad-mouthing, or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.



8. I will teach my child that doing one's best and supporting the team is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a match or his/her performance.
9. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over playing time or winning.
11. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to play or to win.
12. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during matches and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Contact List

Coaches

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Booster Club Officers

Lindsay Martin President	Jeff Canady Vice President	Deanna Laws Treasurer	Jenny Grayson Secretary
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