

Salina South Middle Cougar Tennis 2020



The tennis team at Salina South Middle School will represent its students in interscholastic athletic competition. The team members will always attempt to display their talents to the best of their abilities. Good sportsmanship will be the trademark of Cougar Tennis.

SCHEDULE OF MEETS

See website https://www.305southmiddle.com/athletics/girls_tennis for more information.

Date	Team	Location	Time	Depart	Dismiss
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Lakewood	Salina Oakdale	2:00 PM	1:10 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Newton - Hutch - Salina South	Salina Oakdale	2:00 PM	1:10 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, September 21, 2020	Haysville @ Haysville	Haysville Middle	3:30 PM	1:20 AM	1:10 AM
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	McPherson	McPherson	4:00 PM	2:50 PM	2:40 PM
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	Hutch Invitational	Hutch Fair Grounds	9:00 AM	7:15 AM	None
Thursday, October 01, 2020	Hutchinson-Salina South	Salina Oakdale	3:30 PM	None	None
Tuesday, October 06, 2020	McPherson	McPherson	3:30 PM	2:20 PM	2:10 PM
Thursday, October 08, 2020	Lakewood-McPherson - SMS	Salina Oakdale	2:00 PM	1:10 PM	1:00 PM

The official schedule can be found on our Tennis website off the South Middle's web site. All updates in the schedule will be found here.

SQUAD SIZE

The squad for the tennis team usually consists of between 6 to 16 players. The squad size is determined by the available court space at the location we will compete, among other factors. Everyone can compete for the varsity squad. There is not a varsity and junior varsity, per se. Players play from rankings #1-#16.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment necessary for practice includes: court shoes and a racquet. We do not recommend that you purchase any special equipment or spend a great deal of money on new equipment if you are a beginner. You can always upgrade your equipment as your level of play improves. However, we do want players to compete with full-size racquets, not junior-size.

PRACTICE AT SUNSET PARK

After the team is announced, practice sessions will from 3:00-4:30 at Sunset Park. In inclement weather we will meet in my room and discuss strategies and watch video, as tennis courts pose high risks when wet. I will have it announced over the school loudspeaker by 2:20 if this is ever the case. The player is responsible for getting to practice. Please have your player picked up by 4:30PM.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance at practice is required. You will not be excused from tennis to attend such activities as piano, dance, baseball/softball, etc. If you have other commitments, tennis may not be for you at this time. Everyone must use his or her available practice time to make an honest effort to learn to play and improve. Everyone that participates in tennis is expected to learn the rules, to keep score, and play with good sportsmanship. It is also very important for us to always be prompt to practice.

CONFLICTS

Schedule conflicts happen and, as a team, we will try to work around as many as we can. If you cannot make the commitment to be at practice, then do not expect the team and the school to make the commitment to send you to meets. It is unfair to expect the rest of the team to hold a position for you. If you cannot make it to practice for some reason, you or a parent must notify Coach Clark at least 24 hours before your absence so the team can plan around your absence. In case of sickness, please email me at school: chris.clark@usd305.com.

ELIGIBILITY

School district rules regarding eligibility apply to all sports including tennis. You must be eligible to participate. If you become ineligible for a week, your position on the team will not be reserved. Your primary concern as a student must be academics, not athletics.

BEHAVIOR

You will be representing Salina South Middle School at all times. Your behavior at practices, at matches, and in the classroom will always be ***FIRST CLASS***. Foul language and/or other behavior that is not good sportsmanship will not be tolerated at any time. Office referrals and disciplinary suspension from school (in school or out of school) during the season will be handled on an individual basis according to the individual circumstances. Remember, to be a member of the tennis team is a privilege, and not a right. If you cannot follow the rules of conduct, you will be asked to leave the team. We only want those students that want to improve their game, not take it away from others.

COMMUNICATION

I will use "School Messenger" to communicate with.
This is the same system the District uses to communicate any information needed.

Tennis Rules

Tennis is a sport that originated in England around the 19th century and is now played in a host of countries around the world. There are four major tournaments known as the 'majors' that include Wimbledon, US Open, French Open and Australian tournament.

Object of the Game

The game of tennis played on a rectangular court with a net running across the centre. The aim is to hit the ball over the net landing the ball within the margins of the court and in a way that results in your opponent being unable to return the ball. You win a point every time your opponent is unable to return the ball within the court.

Players & Equipment

A tennis match can be played by either one player on each side – a singles match – or two players on each side – a doubles match. The rectangular shaped court has a base line (at the back), service areas (two spaces just over the net in which a successful serve must land in) and two tram lines down either side. A singles match will mean you use the inner side tram line and a doubles match will mean you use the outer tram line.

A court can be played on four main surfaces including grass, clay, hard surface and carpet. Each tournament will choose one surface type and stick without throughout. All that is required in terms of equipment is a stringed racket each and a tennis ball.

Scoring

You need to score four points to win a game of tennis. The points are known as 15 (1 point), 30 (two points), 40 (three points) and the fourth would result in the winning point and the end of that game. If the scores went to 40-40 this would be known as deuce. When a game reaches deuce the player must then win by two clear points. Ad-in, ad-out. (However, in middle school, no advantage points are played. Essentially, if in case of deuce, the player to win the next point wins that game.)

Winning the Game

To win the game you must win a certain amount of sets (best of three for women's matches and best of 5 sets for men's matches). Winning a set is simply the first player to reach 6 games but have to be clear by at least 2 games. If your opponent wins 5 games you must win the set 7-5. If the set goes to 6-6 then a tie break is played and it's simply the first player to 7 points. **(Middle school only plays one 6 game set, tie-break at 5-5.)**

Rules of Tennis

- o The game starts with a racquet spin to determine which player must serve first, then which side the other team wants.
- o The server must then serve each point from alternative sides on the base line. At no point must the server's feet move in front of the baseline on the court prior to hitting their serve.
- o If the server fails to get their first serve in they may take advantage of a second serve. If they again fail to get their second serve in then a double fault will be called and the point lost.
- o If the server clips the net but the ball goes in the service area still then **let** is called and they get to take that serve again without penalty. If the ball hits the net and fails to go in the service area then out is called and they lose that serve.
- o The receiver may stand where they wish upon receipt of the serve. If the ball is struck without the serve bouncing then the server will receive the point.
- o Once a serve has been made the amount of shots between the players can be unlimited. The point is won by hitting the ball so the opponent fails to return it in the scoring areas.
- o Points are awarded in scores of 15, 30 and 40. 15 represent 1 point, 30 = 2 and 40 = 3.
- o You need 4 points to win a game. If a game lands on 40-40 it's known as deuce. From deuce a player needs to win 2 consecutive points to win the game. After winning one point from deuce they player is on advantage. If the player wins the next point they win the game, if they lose it goes back to deuce. **(Middle school does not play advantage. Whoever wins the deuce point will then win the game.)**
- o To win the set a player must win 6 games by 2 or more. The opening sets will go to a tie break if its ends up 6-6 where players play first to 7 points. The final set will not have a tie break and requires players to win by two games with no limits.
- o If a player touches the net, distracts his opponent or impedes in anyway then they automatically lose the point.
- o The ball can hit any part of the line for the point to be called in, outside the line and the ball is out.
- o The balls in a tennis match are changed for new balls every 6 games
- o A player loses a point if they fail to return the ball in either the correct areas on the court, hits the net and doesn't go into the opponent's area or fails to return the ball before it bounces twice in their half.

Student's Name:

Return Transportation Release Form

(For use with students who used district transportation to attend an activity but who wish to return home with a parent/guardian.)

Description of Activity:	(please include a description of the activity here and its location): 2020 Girls' Middle School Tennis Meets					
Location of Activity:	Newton (9/15) Haysville (9/21) McPherson (9/22) Hutchinson (9/29) McPherson (10/6) Hutchinson (10/8)					
Teacher(s)/Sponsor(s):	Coaches: Chris Clark & Andy Armbrust					
Date(s) of Activity:	September 15 September 21 September 22 September 29 October 6 October 8					
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not wish to have my student use district transportation to return home from this activity and request that my student be released to my custody. I understand that my signature below means that USD 305 is no longer responsible for the safety or transportation of my student on his/her return trip and that I alone am responsible for transporting my student home from this activity.					
Parent/Guardian Signature:			Date:			
Administrator Approval:						