

Marquette University High School

Tennis Tryout Informational Meeting

March 7, 2024

1. Introduction of Coaches
2. **Player Info Sheet – Need to Complete by Sunday, March 17th**
 - a. **Link to Player Info Survey:** <https://shorturl.at/gMQT4>
 - b. This form is the only way to sign up for Tennis! We utilize this information for tryouts and the season.
3. **Uniforms – Need to Complete by Thursday, March 14th**
 - a. The only required uniform is one of the Polos for Varsity, Varsity Reserve and JV Blue. The JV Gold Team can wear the Polo or any of the MUHS Tennis T-shirts. You can buy white shorts on your own. On cold days, you can wear the other warmer items from the list on the Flash Store or plain clothing items.
 - b. Link to Order Forms: <https://bsg.chipply.com/muhstennis/>
 - c. All forms must be submitted online at the Flash Store (the link is active now) by March 14th. We plan on those items arriving after Spring Break on April 8. We will have a follow up order the week of tryouts, but those uniform items will not arrive until May, so please order now.
 - d. Please share this Flash Store with your parents so they can also order items by the March 14th deadline.
4. MUHS Tennis Program – No Cut as of 2009 (Note: Varsity and Varsity Reserve swap sites for tryouts)
 - a. Varsity (~14 players) – Wisconsin Club (6200 West Good Hope Road, Milw. – stay after to discuss rides)
 - b. Varsity Reserve (~14 players)–Elm Grove Park (13600 Juneau Blvd Elm Grove–stay after to discuss rides)
 - c. Junior Varsity Blue (~14 players (No Seniors)) – Merrill Park (35th & Michigan) CROSS STREET
 - d. Junior Varsity Gold (No-Cut – ~35 players) – Merrill Park (35th & Michigan) SAFELY!!!
 - e. There is a significant commitment to any of these four Teams. We expect students to be in attendance every day for all four Teams. JV Gold is the Team that can be somewhat flexible with conflicts, however these must be communicated in advance to your Team’s Head Coach.
5. Try-Outs (We have three days of school before Easter Break starts. We are looking to hopefully finish tryouts by playing on Holy Thursday during the morning and afternoon. We ask your availability on the survey.)
 - a. Begin the Monday, March 25th, weather permitting (listen to announcements and check your email – If we are not able to play outside, we will be in the gym. Be prepared to work out and play tennis every day no matter the weather forecast).
 - b. Try-outs will continue to be match format, mostly focusing on Doubles because of court restrictions.
 - c. Please come prepared for tryouts – with a racquet (or two), good strings, tennis shoes (non-marking), warm clothes, water, and a light snack if you want.
 - d. There is a locker room next to the fitness center (A6) that can used to store tennis bags during the day. Please only use the room labeled for Tennis. You can only access this locker room before and after school. You must lock the lockers that you use. You can get locks from Mr. Herman. Do not EVER leave personal belongings in the Locker Room area unlocked.
 - e. Tryout criteria both quantitative (scores during tryouts) and qualitative (skills assessment) from coaches. We are also looking for students with positive attitudes that exhibit consistent effort through practices and matches and support their teammates.
 - f. Logistically, if you try out for Varsity and do not make it, you will move down to Varsity Reserve and if you do not make that Team, you are moved to trying out for JV Blue if you are an underclassman. If you do not make JV Blue, you get placed on the no-cut JV Gold Team. It is possible to get bumped up in tryouts, but not as likely. Please start trying out for the highest Team that you think you can make.
 - g. If you are trying out for Golf or Baseball, we advise to do that first and come to Tennis after those tryouts. But it is important to let me know so that we can plan for your absence from the start of tryouts.

6. The WIAA changed their guidelines on playing tennis tournaments in season. If you choose to, please contact me ASAP as we do have to go through an approval process and I need to know for scheduling. You still cannot play Leagues during the High School tennis season, but you can take lessons.
7. Practice and Match Information
 - a. Practices are Mon – Fri (non-match days) from 3:30pm to 5:30pm (or 4pm - 6pm for Varsity and Varsity Reserve since they travel for their practices)
 - b. Weekday Matches at home and away locations start around 4pm and last until 6:30pm
 - c. Saturday matches are day-long events lasting from 8am to 3pm (weather permitting, longer for Varsity)
 - d. Schedules will be emailed when the Teams are finalized
 - e. There will be a Varsity Team trip this year over Spring Break to Orlando. Students that make the Varsity Team will be invited after tryouts are complete (we will possibly invite some students from Varsity Reserve). The dates for the trip are 4/1-4/6.
8. MUHS Tennis Mission, Core Values and Goals
 - a. Mission: MUHS strives to form leaders who are Religious, Loving, Seeking Intellectual Excellence, Committed to Justice and Open to Growth. Forming men for others.
 - b. Core Values: Sportsmanship, Integrity, Positive Attitude, Team Focused and Improvement Oriented.
 - c. Goals: To provide a Team experience for as many dedicated students as possible; to continually improve and strive for championship seasons at every level of our program.
9. Communication – Team Snap application, listen to announcements and check email on a daily basis for cancellations and other important updates. Please communicate with your Team’s coach proactively.
10. Fitness Training – we will have fitness sessions throughout the season. These sessions are mandatory.
11. Updated Physical and Emergency Contact Info on File
 - a. Every student trying out for Tennis needs to have forms complete one week before tryouts.
 - b. Must have physical on file with MUHS that is dated after April 1, 2022 (Juniors)
 - c. Please update emergency contact information and any allergies with MUHS
 - d. Contact Angela Balistrieri at balistrieria@muhs.edu to find out what forms are missing
 - e. <https://marquette-ar.schooltoday.com/> – will have all the forms you need to participate
12. Questions on Athletic Code or Participating in MUHS Athletics
13. **Please complete the Player Info Sheet by March 17th and the Uniform Order by March 14th**
 - a. Link to survey: <https://shorturl.at/gMQT4>
 - b. The coaches utilize this information for tryouts so it is very important. We also need your and your parents’ email addresses for communication purposes.
 - c. Make sure you have your physical and all of your athletic forms completed one week before tryouts.
 - d. Link to uniform order: <https://bsg.chipply.com/muhstennis/>
14. If anyone that you know who is interested in Tennis but was not able to make it today, please share this info as they need to complete the Uniform Order Form and the Player Info Survey and ask them to email me.
15. Any Questions?
16. Anyone Trying out for Varsity or Varsity Reserve, please stay after to discuss rides to Tryouts (we will email)

Thank You! We look forward to seeing you on Monday, March 25th for Tryouts!

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