

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM INFORMATION – 2025

FIRST PRACTICE: A PHYSICAL IS REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT GRANT MS (contact AD Coach Green for more info green_e@aps.edu). Tennis practice will start TUESDAY, AUGUST 26. Practice will be at Jerry Cline Tennis Center, 7001 Constitution Ave NE, 87110 and will start at 3:30pm. Practice will end at 5:30pm.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Please fill out the registration form as soon as possible and return to Coach Melissa at practice. There are also handouts on the basic rules of tennis and tennis etiquette along with a sportsmanship agreement. Coach Melissa will be asking for each student/parent to review and sign.

PRACTICES: Practices will be Tuesdays (until matches start, then this will be our match day), Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30pm. Practice is at Jerry Cline Tennis Center. We can try to set up carpools to get to practice – please let Melissa know if you can be a driver or if your student needs a ride. The students must be picked up from the tennis courts – if there is an issue with that please contact Melissa directly. Additional (optional) practices may be scheduled for Saturdays during the season.

MATCHES: Matches will be on Tuesdays, starting Sept 16 and will start at 4pm (ending when all matches are complete, TBD). Students will arrive by 3:30pm to warmup. Matches will be played at Jerry Cline or at another city park/school. For away games, we need to work out carpools with parents that are able to drive. There will be at 5 Tuesday matches with an end of season tournament on Fri-Sun Oct 17-19 – SAVE THE DATE). Tournament location TBD. Match schedule will be provided as soon as coaches receive.

COSTS: There is a league fee of \$30 to play and \$20 for a team T-shirt. This includes registration of the student in the middle school league and tournament. Please provide the \$50 to Melissa Clark - cash or check (also take paypal (m_elissa_b@yahoo.com)/venmo([@m_elissa_b](#))/apple pay) - for registration. We will not turn any student away because of an inability to pay, please contact Melissa for assistance with the fee.

COMMUNICATION: We will use the “Remind” app as the primary communication method. This allows you to receive communications through email, text, or both – your choice. To sign up for Remind, please do one of the following: From the web: go to www.remind.com/join/3k7f2c, OR from your cell, text to the number 81010 with the message @3k7f2c - You don’t have to download the app if you don’t want to. *If you don’t sign up Melissa will sign you up.* If your student has a phone or email please have them sign up for the messages so they be informed of messages from the coach. Email may occasionally be used to send documents.

VOLUNTEERS: We are requesting volunteers for the following: carpools to bring players to practice and away matches, assisting with practice (guidance will be provided), snacks/drinks for matches. Let Melissa know if there is something you can help with. You will be required to obtain

a background check as an APS volunteer if you are working with the students and there will be a cost (ask Melissa or Coach Green for the process).

EQUIPMENT/MISC: Students are encouraged to bring their own racquets, but Melissa has many that she can lend out. Students need to wear sneakers with good support since there is a lot of pushing off/changing directions in tennis. Melissa has a few pairs of slightly used tennis shoes available in limited sizes. Shorts/sweats with pockets (to store tennis balls) are required. Bring water and sunscreen to practices/matches.

COACHING TEAM: Your coaching team is made up of a group of volunteers from the Albuquerque tennis community, Grant MS tennis player parents, Grant MS tennis team alumni (now in high school), and high school players in the Grant MS district.

ABOUT MID SCHOOL TENNIS: The USTA Northern NM Tennis Association's Fall Mid-School Tennis League started in 1996 by direction of the Board and through the vision and guidance of Sue Jollensten. The league is designed for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The league is an after-school tennis program that provides every middle school player that tries out a chance to engage in a healthy after school activity, learning what is truly a sport for a lifetime, and an opportunity to represent and identify with their schools. **The program emphasizes participation, sportsmanship, adherence to the rules, and team spirit.**

Please direct any questions to coach Melissa Clark, 235-5641, melissabeth@gmail.com.