

# Sand Creek High School



## Boys Tennis Handbook 2019

Updated schedule: [tiny.cc/SCHSboysTennis](http://tiny.cc/SCHSboysTennis)



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### **Important Dates for the 2019 Boys Tennis Season**

- August 12: First day of official practice. Practices run Monday through Friday, see schedule below for details. All paperwork (physical, registration form, eligibility clearance and fees) must be completed and approved in ArbiterAthlete.com to participate.
- Challenge matches for varsity spots will take place Aug 12 – Aug 26. (Weather permitting)
- Team BBQ – for players and families will be on Aug 28 from 5:15-6:30p, weather permitting. Hot dogs will be grilled, bring a side dish to share.
- Varsity Tournaments: Eaglecrest Aug 23-24 and Fountain Fort Carson Tournament on Sept 27 & 28
- Our CHSAA Regional tournament is for Varsity only, second week in October. Details to follow.
- Team Banquet – all players and families, end of October. Details to follow.

### **Season Schedule**

Practice and match updates can be found at [tiny.cc/SCHSBoysTennis](http://tiny.cc/SCHSBoysTennis). Coach Pam will update document daily. Note: JV players will not play in all matches. Players will be informed the day prior to a match about their playing opportunity.

### **Eligibility Rules -- Academic Grade Pull**

1. A preliminary warning pull for eligibility will occur by 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday to warn coaches of failing/near failing student-athletes.
2. Official grade pulls will occur every other Monday by 12:00 p.m.
3. Athletes failing one class remain eligible on a probationary basis for the duration of the given two-week eligibility cycle:
  - a. Must be passing all classes upon next cycle or deemed ineligible for the following two weeks.
  - b. Athletes that have more than one failing grade at any time are immediately determined as ineligible for the given cycle.
4. A student-athlete who becomes ineligible three times during one season will be permanently dismissed from that activity.
5. Concurrent Enrollment
  - a. CE Students are required to turn in a printed copy of their grades to the athletic director or athletic secretary on the date of each official pull (every other Monday). If the student fails to turn in grades, they will be ineligible.

**Coaching Philosophy** Our program not only develops successful tennis players, but young women and men with character, confidence and an appreciation for the Spirit of the Game. “Spirit of the Game” is an overarching concept which places responsibility for fair play on each player. Highly competitive play is encouraged, but should never sacrifice the mutual respect for our teammates and opponents, adherence to the rules of the game, or the basic joy of play and physical activity. Examples of Spirit of the Game in Tennis:

- Reacting calmly towards disagreement or provocation
- Retracting a call when you made the wrong call
- Encouraging a teammate to win their match, even-though you just lost your match
- Calling yourself for reaching over the net – hence, giving the opposition a point
- Complimenting an opponent for good play or effort
- Introducing yourself to your opponent; shaking hands at the end of the match

### **Program Goals – Fall 2019**

- Develop a team that plays with passion and represents themselves and Sand Creek High School with character and class at all times.
- Continue to grow the SCHS tennis program. Build a nucleus of beginning and intermediate players that have a passion for the game and can help develop a long-term sustainable program.
- Through skill development and focused practice sessions, our playing ability will improve. We will strive to win a majority of our matches.
- Connect players to community programs and opportunities that will enhance their tennis skills and level of competition.
- Expand the local tennis community with “Futures” tennis opportunities, taught by SCHS Tennis Team members. This outreach would focus on District 49 elementary and middle school students

### **Policies and Expectations**

- **Parent conduct during matches:** CHSAA rules state that parents and spectators can cheer players on between points, but, they may do not talk with player(s). Registered coaches are the only ones to that can talk and coach a player.
- **Athlete Behavior:** On the court, in the classroom, throughout Sand Creek High School and in the community (to include schools that we compete against), the expectation and requirement is that players will conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on our program. Behavior failures will result in disciplinary action within the tennis program. Minor offenses will result in coach/player counseling. More serious offense, or continuation of minor offenses will result in suspension of match play. If behavior continues, as a last resort, player will be removed from team.
- **Academic Performance:** Success in the classroom is the top priority. Players are to communicate, in advance, with Coach Pam if they need to miss practice due to homework load, studying for a test, tutoring, etc. We follow the guidelines of eligibility requirements by D49 and Sand Creek High school.
- **Drugs and Alcohol:** The use and/or possession of drugs is strictly prohibited for Sand Creek student-athletes. Discipline for any violation will be in accordance with D49 Policy.
- **Absences and Tardies:** To compete in a match, players must attend every scheduled class that day.
  - Practice – Players are expected to attend team practices Monday through Friday from 3:15p-4:45p. If a player is unable to attend practice or will be late to practice, the expectation is to contact Coach Pam ASAP. It is not acceptable to have the message relayed by a teammate.
  - Unexcused absences may result in missing the next match.
  - Matches – if a player is unable to participate in a match due to illness, etc. contact Coach Pam ASAP.
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- **Sportsmanship:** Win or lose, all Sand Creek HS tennis players will conduct themselves with integrity and dignity. Tennis is one of the few high school sports that typically play without officials. Please treat each other with courtesy and respect.
  - Line Calls: Balls that are not clearly seen out by the player(s) are considered in.
  - Players are urged to work out disputed calls and/or scoring issues with their opponent. Coaches will encourage that discussion with both competitors.
  - Coaches and spectators (family members, fellow teammates/classmates, etc.) are to respect the decisions made by the players regarding line calls and scoring. Spectators are not allowed to call balls or give comment to the match score.

**Team Support During Matches:** Creating a team atmosphere takes intention and sometimes sacrifice. Because courts are limited, oftentimes players wait to play.

- Generally, the order of play during a match will be as follows:
  - First on courts during home matches: Varsity: Singles #1, #2, #3, and Doubles #1. When they finish: Varsity Doubles #2, #3, #4. JV to follow.
  - During match/tournament play, varsity members are expected to stay on site and support their teammates until the entire match is over.
  - Due to the extended wait time, JV players need to check in with coaches at the beginning of the match. They will then be given an estimated time of play.

**Away Transportation** Players are expected to ride the bus with the team to the event. If parent(s) attend the event, player may ride home with their family. Make sure to tell coach before you leave premises.

**Lettering Guidelines** Players that represent Sand Creek High School in at least 6 varsity matches and complete the entire season will meet the requirement for lettering. A manager may earn a letter on the second and each succeeding year that he/she serves as a manager.

**Player/Parent/Coach Communication Policy** If there is a specific situation involving a student-athlete, Coach will contact student/parents directly to discuss the matter. If player or parent have any issues or problems regarding the tennis program, here's our steps:

- Athlete speaks to the coach
- Parent and athlete speak to the coach
- Parent and athlete speak to the AD with the Head Coach present
- Parent and athlete may meet with the District AD with Head Coach, and AD, present.
- Parent and athlete may request a meeting with the BOE with the Head Coach, AD, and District AD present. There are no appeals beyond this point.

