

Great Falls Invitational Tennis Tournament

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On Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd, the Great Falls Public Schools will host the Annual Invitational Tennis Tournament. It will consist of 10 teams, with each school scheduled to play four matches. Each player will have a chance to play each other. Number ones play number ones; number twos play number twos, etc. The same will apply for the doubles matches.

General Information

Site Information:

- For the duals at CMR, both the girls and boys teams will play on the eight CM Russell courts and CM Russell courts will be the tournament headquarters.
- For the duals at Riverside/MLCC, the **boys** will play at the new Elks Riverside Courts and the **girls** will play at the Meadowlark Country Club.
- **NO BLACK SOLED SHOES ALLOWED AT MEADOWLARK COUNTRY CLUB.**
- **BUSES AT MEADOWLARK COUNTRY CLUB:**
 - Bus parking at Meadow Lark Country Club will be allowed this year as there is no golf tournament. You may park your buses in the main parking lot but do so near 10th Avenue South or along the parking lot closer to the pool. Thank you for your cooperation.
 - **ELKS RIVERSIDE COURTS** are located on River Drive. From Meadowlark, turn right and continue East down 10th Avenue South over the Warden Bridge. Take the right turn immediately at the end of the bridge (Overlook Drive), which loops around changing into River Drive South. Continue along River Drive South through the light at the 1st Avenue North cross street. It now becomes River Drive North. The courts are on the right about ¼ mile up the road.

Matches:

- Teams must finish playing in the two-hour time frame, so we will play shortened matches. Play will be 2 regular sets, **no ad scoring**, and a **super tie-breaker** for the 3rd set. The **#4 doubles and singles teams should play only an 8-game pro set (7 pt tie breaker for match at 8-8)** so we can stay on schedule.
- Due to the limited format, no overall team or individual results will be kept.

Warm Ups:

- There is a narrow time schedule, warm-ups will be limited to five minutes, and thereupon serves will be taken. Coaches, please help with this.

Coaches: Please leave your contact # for us during the tournament at your first site!

- Teams should go directly to the sites to begin play.
- Please remind the players before they go onto the court that they have been warned about poor sportsmanship. First infraction is a point penalty, next is a game, and the third infraction is a loss of a match. We would prefer that coaches officiate the duals and enforce as appropriate.
- Balls and score sheets will be at the courts. Please give your line up to the court monitor. 2 balls will be given per match.

Rain:

- If matches are interrupted because of rain, we do not have the time or the facilities to make them up. The winner of the match will be the person with the most games at the time of the delay.
- If the dual is not, and will not be decided in the two hour window of time, it will be a scratch and the teams should move on to their next dual (weather permitting).

- **Rules:**

The Great Falls invite will follow MHS A rules where appropriate and USTA rules where MHS A is not applicable. **MHS A Dress Code:** Participants will wear the following school-approved attire (**uniform to include top and bottom garments**): shirts will be full-length with finished edges with collars, traditional crewneck, v-neck or mock-turtle neck design. **Sleeveless shirts must extend from the base of the neck to the top of the shoulder on each side. Halter tops, spaghetti straps and tank tops will not be permitted.** Shorts **and skirts** will be worn at the waist with a minimum five-inch inseam. **If a player chooses to wear long or warm-up pants due to weather conditions, they must be of the same color/uniform and match the uniform top.**

Adornments on clothing or headwear will not advertise drugs or alcohol or contain offensive material as deemed inappropriate by the meet director or tournament manager. After the first violation of this rule, there will be a warning administered for the individual and the team with the uniform violation being corrected within five minutes before continuation of play is to resume. After the second violation, the individual forfeits the match and the team is deducted one (1) team point. The meet director has the right to waive the uniform rule due to inclement weather; however, each participant must be dressed appropriately during all competition.

Transportation:

- Schools should provide for their own transportation, but if problems arise please contact Gary DeGooyer at (406) 268-6082.