MVRHS Boys Tennis Team 2018
General Guidelines:

Athletic Department Mission Statement:

The purpose of the MVRHS athletic program is to teach and reinforce sportsmanship, discipline, confidence, health habits, right effort, teamwork, community pride, integrity, leadership, and playing by the rules. MVRHS athletes are scholars and good citizens first, and strong competitors second. We ask that all adults associated with our athletic program embrace this philosophy and dedicate themselves to ensuring sports are an additional opportunity to support character development, and the physical and social well-being of our students.

Practices:

This is a varsity sport, as such; athletes are expected at all practices and matches. All practices are mandatory except for school related conflicts which you must inform your coaches about at least 24 hours prior to the event. We will do our best to accommodate excused absences.
Extracurricular activities (such as drivers ed, music lessons, etc.) are not considered excused absences.
If you have an unexcused absence the day before a match you will not be able to play in the match the following day.
If you are late to school on a practice or match day you will not be permitted to play.

Challenge Matches:

Positions on the team will be determined by a series of challenge matches. Designated players will play one 8 game pro-set in each challenge match. If a match is tied at 7-7 the players will play a tiebreak, first player to seven points wins. After a series of challenge matches, the top two players based on the results of the matches will play a two out of three set match to determine the 1 and number 2 singles positions. These two positions must be filled in order of ability, all other spots are based on challenge match results and also by

what the coaches determine is best for the team.
Challenge matches will start during the first week of practices and if weather demands it, may be played indoors.
Challenge matches will be completed by the first match of the season.

If a player has an unexcused absence during the time when a challenge match is scheduled this will be registered as a forfeit.

Additional challenge matches can be played at the coaches discretion until the mid-point of the season.

Communication:

To request an excused absence (such as sickness) the player must inform both coaches as soon as possible by text or email. The request should be communicated directly from the player, not from teachers, parents, friends, etc.
Coaches will inform all players in a timely manner if there are any changes in the schedule or match status. If you don't hear anything that means nothing has changed.
We want to reduce the questions coming from everyone about whether practices are still on, what boat we are taking, what time dismissal is, what the forecast is etc. This creates needless communication and confusion.
To reiterate, we will tell you if anything has changed as soon as we know it.

Matches:

All players are expected to be dressed and present at all matches and must remain until completion of the match.
When traveling to off-Island matches, all team members must sit in the same area of the boat and wear designated team travel apparel.

Court etiquette

We expect you to have the same respect and consideration for yourself, your teammates and your opponents as you would expect from them. A handshake at the end of a match is expected. Cursing,

throwing racquets, hitting balls out of anger, and disrespecting opponents will result in a warning and disqualification after the second offense.

Captains:

Captains will be chosen from a secret ballot vote of the players.

Please feel free to contact either of us for any reason. We are all here to learn, excel and have fun, the coaches too.

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