

2018 Girls Tryouts

All players will be involved in Palmer Ridge Girls Tennis Tryouts. Tennis is currently a no cut sport. Below is the tryout process.

Step 1: 1st Day of Tryouts/Practice

- Coaches will rank all the returning players from where they were playing the year before. The ranking is based on how a player ended the season, any adjustments made during the season, any additional challenge matches, and how players finished after the skills test...in that order. There is some coach's discretion in this ordering process but that is understood and acceptable. Each player will have ample opportunity to prove themselves and move up during pool play.
- New players will be evaluated by coaching staff and placed in the ranking.

Step 2: Pool Play 3-6 days (pending cooperative weather)

- Pools of 4-6 players are established based on ranking position from Phase I
- Each match is a 10 point tie-breaker...first player to 10 points wins. At 9-all the next point wins; the player returning serve can choose add or deuce side.
- Coaches and managers are available to assist with rules if player is newer to the game
- Each player will play **at least** 3, 10 point tie breaker, challenge matches in each pool
- There could be 2-4 rounds of pool play...coaches discretion based on numbers, how close players are in ability, and court availability due to weather.
- Each player will play against those that ranked close to you after Phase I

How is pool play run?

Let's assume there are 6 pools with 6 players in each; (Again, there could be fewer players in each pool and fewer pools depending on total numbers...coaches discretion)

Each player will play the other players in her pool for a total of 5 matches. Both players' scores will be recorded with the Team Manager. When that pool has completed its 15 matches, each player's record will be documented and points will be added up. Rankings within the pool are first based on wins-losses and if there is a tie, the tie is broken by that player that had more total points. If there is still a tie, it comes down to who won between those players that are tied.

The top 3 players move into the pool ahead of them while the bottom 3 players will be joined by the 3 in the pool right below. This will form the second round of pool play.

The top 3 in pool 1, will skip (earning a bye) round two of pool play and move directly to playing a full set against each other. This is part of round 3 of pool play for pool 1. This set is regular scoring, 7 point tie-breaker at 5-all in games. These matches could be played at PRHS, Country Club at Woodmoor (CCW), or the Palmer Lake courts.

The bottom 3 in the last pool will have a Bye in round #2. They will join the bottom of the pool above after the second round and play a 3rd round.

If weather and time permit, we will begin round 3 and repeat the process, except with the top pool of 6. Those players will play 1 full set; tie-breaker at 5 all. The 3 players that played sets in round 2 will carry their scores into this pool....they will not play each other again in this round 3 of pool play. Rankings will be determined by wins, then sets won, then games won.

Determining 3 key areas in the line-up – need a clear differentiation between the following positions:

#3 & #4 (Varsity singles to the top position in varsity doubles)

On the top end of the ladder, position 3 needs to have defeated position 4 by being ahead 2-1 or 2-0 in sets. Position 1 and 2 will play each other 2 out of 3 sets. If weather and time are an issue, coaches have discretion to play just 1 set or use the results of the pool play (sets) to determine 1 and 2 positions. However, if position 4 wins against position 3 they will then play position 2. If they defeat position 2, they will then play for the top spot. At the end of the day, the 3 singles players will have beaten the player below them in a 2 out of 3 set match. (or clearly won in the pool play if we run out of time) Regardless of time and weather, the player in the # 3 spot will have beaten the #4 player in a 2 out of 3 set match. The #4 player only has to be ahead of the #5 player through the pool play rules.

#10, #11, #12, #13 (Bottom varsity 2 positions to the top 2 positions of V2)

To determine the 10-13 positions the most fairly and efficiently, with clear differentiation between Varsity and JV, the players that are in these 4 spots after completion of pool play will play one final round of pool play. This last round will be sets instead of 10-point time breakers. The set will be first player to 6 games with a tie breaker at 5 games apiece. Same rules apply with final seeding based on number of wins. If there is a tie, we add up the number of games won. If there is a tie after that, we then use head to head. The #10 and #11 players are in final 2 spots of varsity and the players in the #12 and #13 are the first substitutes and top of JV. The 12th player may have the option to choose to just be on varsity or swing between two teams.

Step 4 -- FINAL LINE-UP

By the end of the week of tryouts, the goal is to have the Varsity and JV teams announced. The singles players will also be in their correct positions. The doubles teams for each of the teams will be determined the following week.

For Varsity, players that finish in the 4-11 spots will be doubles players. The coaches will determine the doubles partners and then the doubles teams will play each other for determining their order in the lineup.

Coaches can pair any 4-11 players together. Coaches look for complimentary skills, compatibility, consistency, and personality when putting players together. Once the doubles teams are established the teams will play each other in challenge matches for the final positions.

Coaches have the discretion to have as many double's challenge matches as they feel is necessary. The goal is to have the line-up set by the Friday in the second week of tryouts/practice. This includes the

doubles teams. Coaches have the right to make player adjustments to doubles teams. For example, if two players have strong groundstrokes but weak volleys, they will struggle as a team. Each team needs at least 1 person that can volley. Also, it is important that the two players can get along with each other. Size is another factor. Two shorter players can be a disadvantage. Input from the players is accepted but final decisions lie with the Coaching staff.

Teams:

Varsity will carry 11 or 12 players, and the remaining players will be on JV unless our numbers are higher than expected.