



# Stratford Tennis Tryouts 2020-2021

**Please keep in mind that the top players from each tryout will keep moving on in tryouts. Please plan accordingly. You may be trying out for more than one day.**

Incoming Freshmen: **Monday, August 3rd 8-11 AM**

Freshmen Team from 2019-2020, Lower JV (spots 7-12) from 2019-2020, and any new sophomores, juniors, and seniors: **Monday, August 3rd 4-7 PM**

Upper JV (spots 1-6) from 2019-2020: **Tuesday, August 4th 8-11 AM and 4-7 PM**

Varsity from 2019-2020 and any freshmen USTA super champs:

**Wednesday, August 5th 8-11 AM and 4-7 PM**

## **Format**

All tryouts follow the same format. Players are initially ranked based on their previous year's rank or championship/super championship status. If a player is new to our program, they will start at the bottom with the opportunity to move up with wins. For incoming freshmen, we do basic drills to start to see initial level.

Once we initially rank, players are divided into groups of 4. Each group of 4 plays everyone in their group (we usually play mini-matches with ping pong scoring). At the end of those matches, the top two players will move up and the bottom players will move down based on their win/loss record. If there is a tie between two players, the head-to-head winner wins. If there is a 3-way tie, we determine position by the points won in losses. We continue this round robin style in groups of 4 until we reach a point where we have a lineup.

During tryouts, our decisions are based on this lineup and hustle, ability to improve, attitude, and sportsmanship.

## **Rosters:**

We keep 10-12 girls and 10-12 guys on each team depending on where the natural cutoff point is. Our three teams are: Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshmen. Traditionally, we keep almost all of the freshmen on the freshmen team to allow for as many sophomores and juniors as possible to play on the JV.

If a student doesn't make one of the three teams, they are invited to join the PE tennis class. We have had several students come out of the PE tennis class to make the team in later years (and in fact, we've even had players that came out of PE make Varsity in later years).

## **Requirements to Tryout:**

In order for a player to be able to tryout, they must bring a copy of their physical to the tryouts. A player will NOT be allowed to tryout if they have not gotten a physical.

We also need all of the online athletic paperwork to be completed.