

April 2, 2015

Dear Prospective U14 Tennis Team Member,

Welcome to the Spring 2015 U14 Tennis Program. This letter outlines the philosophy, expectations and logistical details of the spring season for the U14 Tennis team.

Philosophy

Upper Canada College Preparatory School believes in encouraging a love of sport through the development of athletic character and skills. The athletic program values and develops sportsmanship through respect, compassion, integrity and discipline, as well as developing teamwork and a team commitment. Students will learn a strong work ethic through commitment to team ideals and perseverance to team goals. The school facilitates the growth of its students by encouraging students, coaches, and families involvement in athletic education, leading to an increased sense of athletic purpose and self-confidence. Coaches and players will work together to live up to the values and commitments in our philosophy.

Team Commitments

A strong commitment is needed for a player to be a member of any school representative team. We understand that many boys have outside commitments. We have discussed the Prep policy regarding absences from games with your son and we will outline it again here. We expect each player on the team to participate in every scheduled game. **A player may miss only one match day due to an outside commitment, but he must notify his coach at least one week in advance of the game date. No player may miss the CISAA championship tournament for any reason other than illness.**

CISAA championship tournament date: Wednesday, May 20 all day (7:30 am – 3:30 pm)

It should be noted that at the final tournament 7 players will play matches and 1 will be a reserve for the day – the other members will not attend. The decisions on who will play in the tournament will be based on performance, behaviour, attitude and commitment throughout the season and will be communicated to the boys on the week before the tournament.

The best way to access information about our team and schedule is through the UCC website. Click on this [link](#) to access the U14 Form 7 softball schedule, **click on this [link](#) (must be completed by April 4) to fill in our online form to confirm your son's commitment**. It is possible that this schedule may change as the season progresses due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Any change will be announced to your son as soon as possible and updated on the website.

Two voice mailboxes have been set up to try to aid in communication 416-488-1125, press 1, then:

- Ext. 4004 – this line is for travel information. If a team is late returning from a match we will leave a message stating when we will arrive.

Uniform

The team uniform includes:

- White: tennis shirt, shorts and socks
- White non marking tennis shoes
- UCC track suit (worn properly), water bottle

Students who do not wear their full uniform will be ineligible to play that day, but will be expected to travel with the team.

Sincerely,

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