

Santa Monica High School Tennis Tryouts

Frequently Asked Questions 2022-2023

How competitive are tryouts?

Unfortunately, the Tennis program at Santa Monica High School is not a 'beginners' program. Santa Monica High School is a Division 1 high school currently playing in the Bay League – **the most competitive High School Tennis league in Southern California**. The student-athletes currently on the team have tournament experience and play throughout the year.

When are the Tennis tryouts for INCOMING FRESHMEN (current 8th Graders)?

INCOMING FRESHMEN (current 8th Graders) **GIRLS** tryouts are Monday and Tuesday, June 13th and June 14th from 9:00AM to 11:30AM.

INCOMING FRESHMEN (current 8th Graders) **BOYS** tryouts are Wednesday and Thursday, June 15th and June 16th from 9:00AM to 11:30AM.

Please note: If your child is clearly a beginner, it's possible they could be cut after the first day of their tryout. This tryout is for **INCOMING FRESHMEN ONLY**.

When are the tryouts for UPPER CLASSMEN (current 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders)?

UPPER CLASSMEN (current 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders) **GIRLS** tryouts are Monday, August 22nd

UPPER CLASSMEN (current 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders) **BOYS** tryouts Tuesday, December 6th

What is the format at tryouts?

Santa Monica High School Tennis tryouts consists of match-play. Students will play matches against their peers, tournament style; if successful, they will earn a position on the team.

Does my child need to bring anything with them to tryouts?

Any student who wishes to be considered at tryouts **MUST** have a valid Physical/Health History form completed **AND** be able to provide proof of insurance **AT** their tryout (see Athletics website for PDF forms). They **MUST** be dressed in athletic attire. It is recommended that they have their own rackets. It is also recommended they bring water with them as well.

What can my child do in order to prepare for tryouts?

It is recommended that your child gains as much experience playing matches as possible. It is expected that your child comes to their tryout on time, knowing the rules of the game and prepared to play matches.

How many open positions are there?

Typically, we get around 20 to 24 students trying out for the Tennis team each year and we typically have 5 to 6 positions open.

Is there a Freshmen Tennis team?

No. Santa Monica High School Tennis has Varsity and JV levels only.

What if my INCOMING FRESHMEN misses the tryout in June?

Regardless of the reason, if your child misses their tryout in June for incoming Freshmen only, they will have another opportunity to tryout with the UPPER CLASSMEN (see dates above). To be clear, your child will not be competing against their same age/grade level peers only. Rather, they will be competing with the upper classmen as well as any other incoming Freshmen that missed the June tryout.

If my INCOMING FRESHMEN doesn't earn a position at the June tryouts, can they tryout again at the second tryout?

Yes and no. Coach Simone reserves the right to decide whether or not your child will be invited back to tryout with the upper classmen if they don't make the team their first attempt. If your child shows potential, but did not make the team at their June tryout, it's possible Coach Simone will invite them to tryout again with the upper classmen. At the same time, if your child is clearly a beginner, Coach Simone will recommend they gain more experience playing the sport and tryout again the following year.

Is there a second opportunity for UPPER CLASSMEN to tryout other than the dates listed above?

No. Advisors have a deadline they need to meet to complete student schedules. Upper classmen have one opportunity to tryout for the Tennis team for the following season.