

Santa Monica High School Tennis Tryouts

Frequently Asked Questions 2023-2024

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How competitive are tryouts?

Santa Monica High School currently plays in the Bay League – **the most competitive High School Tennis league in Southern California**. Therefore, the Tennis program at Santa Monica High School is not a ‘beginners’ program. 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 Tuesday, June 13th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM
- INCOMING FRESHMEN (current 8th Graders) **BOYS** tryouts are Wednesday, June 14th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

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

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

- UPPERCLASSMEN (current 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders) **GIRLS** tryouts are Wednesday, August 23rd from 1:00PM to 4:00PM
- UPPERCLASSMEN (current 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders) **BOYS** tryouts are Tuesday, November 14th immediately after school

What is the format of the tryouts?

Santa Monica High School Tennis tryouts consist 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?

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.

Do I need to register my child with Coach Simone to reserve a spot for my child at tryouts?

Yes, please have your child register for tryouts by clicking on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hTc14xRy_j_OOyAVYELgEb-3Lo202SyfhX1rqMM8sUY

Students are instructed to click on the link, register for tryouts and attach the mandatory documents - Physical Exam/Health History forms as well as proof of Health Insurance. 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 **BEFORE** their tryout (see Athletics website for PDF forms).

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 numerous matches.

How many open positions in the Tennis program are there?

Typically, we get around 15 to 25 students trying out for both teams each year and we usually have 5 to 6 positions open in each program. The number of positions available is based on the number of Seniors who graduated the previous season. Each team's capacity is 30 student-athletes.

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 UPPERCLASSMEN (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 upperclassmen - as well as any other incoming Freshmen that also 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 upperclassmen 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 is possible Coach Simone will invite them to tryout again with the upperclassmen. 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 UPPERCLASSMEN to tryout other than the dates listed above?

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