

## **BBTA PROGRAM GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

### **LESSON PAYMENTS**

Members will be paying, via an on-line "Auto" scheduled payment system that will debit a Members Credit Card or Pay Pal account safely each month on day the client paid to become a Member. BBTA does not offer refunds for any BBTA classes, unless BBTA has made an error in billing or BBTA cancels an academy session.

**Note:** BBTA has the contract responsibility to reserve and pay for court fees in advance @ Glendoveer Tennis Center and @ Mt. Hood Community College, so advanced payment is vital to the success of our program.

Also, BBTA does provide extra academy classes **FREE** of charge, if there are additional lesson days at the end of each month.

### **ACADEMY ENTRY**

ALL new students and their parents must meet with the academy director, Bret Bowers, prior to entry into the academy program to discuss basic BBTA guidelines, parental, student & academy expectations etc. A **FREE** and mandatory ability evaluation will need to be schedule prior to academy participation to determine proper entry level and placement (this evaluation will take no longer than 20 minutes).

### **S. A. C.**

#### **(S) SPORTSMANSHIP**

BBTA is first and foremost concerned and committed to teach each student the value and importance of demonstrating good sportsmanship. BBTA has strict guidelines on sportsmanship and cool awards to recognize each student who puts forth the effort to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Awards will be given out monthly and annually to the male and female tennis player who demonstrate the best sportsmanship in the BBTA program throughout the entire year.

In the unfortunate case of poor sportsmanship, the student demonstrating poor sportsmanship will receive fair and corrective discipline for inappropriate behaviors such as; bad language, throwing the racquet, constantly disrupting tennis class, degrading comments to or about another student/teacher, excessive bragging, intentional cheating, bad lines calls etc.

A verbal warning will be given on the **first offence**, on the **second offence** a letter will go out to the parent (s)/guardian to be signed and returned by the next lesson, on the **third offence**, the student, the pro and the parent (s)/guardian will have a mandatory meeting to discuss further disciplinary options, and on the **fourth offence**, the student will be suspended from the academy for THREE months to make adjustments to his/her behavior.

#### **PLAYER REINSTATEMENT**

A monthly update of the child's behavioral progress **MUST** be given by the parent (s)/guardian to the academy director either by phone or email during the child's suspension. After the student has served his/her THREE month suspension, a meeting must be scheduled by the parent (s)/guardian to discuss the progress of their child.

If after the THREE month period, there is sufficient evidence and progress to indicate that the child has adjusted his/her behavior, then the child will be reinstated for a probationary period of 30 days. After the probationary period has passed and there have been no violations, the student will be fully reinstated. If the student goes through the entire process over again, on the fourth warning, he/she will be asked to leave the academy for good.

#### **(A) ACADEMICS**

BBTA knows the value and importance of a well rounded education in today's society. BBTA also understands that a very small percentage of kids who learn tennis, regardless of age, will have the talent, funds and determination to become a professional tennis player. However, the wonderful benefits that directly come from the sport of tennis to enhance a child's education process are tremendous.

Tennis is at the top of most every Physician's recommendation to stay healthy, fit and how enjoy a life-time of fitness, sport and health. Exercise is vital to a child's success in school. Exercise increases a child's desire to learn and enhances a body's natural chemistry to maximize each child's learning potential.

Sport/Tennis is **FOOD** for the **MIND, BODY & SOUL**, so to speak! Some important points to remember about the benefits of tennis are; that children can, through achievement in tennis, pursue an athletic scholarship to college, pursue a career in the tennis business, play professional tennis or just have a fun, active outlet to meet other kids, socialize, stay fit and stay out of trouble! Also, tennis, in my professional opinion, is the **BEST FAMILY** sport there is!

### **(C) CHARACTER**

BBTA believes deeply that "CHARACTER" is one of the most precious and vital traits that a child can develop to ensure a healthy and successful life. Good or bad character is developed at an early age and challenged throughout every stage of life, from beginning to end. Nothing prepares a child for what the world will throw at them more than athletic/tennis competition!

The challenges that a child faces throughout their tennis development, is what advocates TENNIS as a "LIFE" and a LIFE-TIME" sport. Tennis players must develop discipline to be successful. Tennis players must also be teachable, show humility, confidence, be persistent, patient, determined and possess courage to face every "win" or "loss" with objectivity. Players must learn to honestly evaluate their own effort, learn from their own mistakes, failures or triumphs and "DAILY" rise to become a better person and athlete through it all. If that's not life, I don't know what is!

**REMEMBER..."A LIFE-TIME OF TENNIS IS A LIFE-TIME OF HEALTH"!**