



BIRMINGHAM COVINGTON SCHOOL
Department of Athletics

Athletic Fee and Letter of Understanding
Middle School CLUB Tennis - BOYS

(Please Print)

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Birth Date: _____

Cost: \$135.00

Make checks payable to BIRMINGHAM COVINGTON SCHOOL. Do not send cash.

Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____

An athlete will not be allowed to participate unless all signatures are affixed, the fee has been paid, and a valid physical is on file. All athletes will be expected to pay the appropriate fee for each sport they are participating in.

I have reviewed this form and understand that the fee paid does not guarantee playing time, control over any conditions of the team or Department of Athletics. I also understand that paying the fee does not in any way alter Birmingham Board of Education student policies, district Student Athlete Code of Conduct, BCS Handbook policies, individual team rules and/or the Michigan High School Athletic Association Regulations.

Student Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to a very successful season!

No student will be excluded from a program or team for financial reasons. Please contact Jason Hill Jhill@birmingham.k12.mi.us to request financial assistance with the fee. All information is kept confidential.

**Student Athletic Participation
Parental Approval Form
BCS Boys Tennis**

I hereby give my consent for the named student to engage in athletics during the current year, and to accompany the team as a member on its trips. The schools are not liable for injuries or the cost of medical care resulting from these injuries.

I also give my permission for immediate emergency medical attention.

I have read this form and am aware of the contents of the student suspension and sportsmanship policy. I carry accident/health insurance. YES or NO — Name of Company _____

Please Note:

- If the student athlete has enrolled in the Birmingham Public Schools authorized student accident insurance program, the accident insurance plan is applicable for all sports except senior high tackle football unless the premium for such coverage has been made.

In addition to this form, a standard secondary school physical examination form, emergency treatment card, and pay to participate fee or form must be completed and handed in prior to participation in any athletic activity.

By signing below, consent is hereby given to release my son's/daughter's Educational Records for the purpose of any athletic team or individual nominations such as Academic All-State. I understand that my student's transcript or GPA may be submitted for these awards.

- At times, BPS may choose to not provide transportation to and/or from School District athletic events. Where transportation will not be provided by BPS, parents will be given advanced notice that it will be their responsibility to see to it that their student is present at the site and/or returned from the site at the appointed time. Where transportation is not provided, the School District and coaches will not participate in, or assume responsibility for, arranging transportation to and/or from events for students.

This application to participate in athletics at school is voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I have never received money or merchandise in any amount, or any emblematic award worth more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for participating in athletic events, and that I have never competed under an assumed name.

- Student Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities: Recognizing that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, the District requires that the conduct of student participants be exemplary at all times. Participants are representatives of the District and their school and must conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Student participants who violate this policy are subject to being removed from the activity in addition to any other applicable punishment.
- Student Suspension Policy: Any member of an athletic team found to be engaged/involved in smoking or other substance abuse/use will be subject to the procedure outlined in Board of Education Policy #5600: Student Rights and Responsibilities (Code of Conduct).

Parents and athletes are reminded that your reaction to the coaching staff, as well as other aspects of the athletic program, are helpful to us. Should you choose to send us your perceptions, please mail them to:

Mr. Tom Flynn, Athletic Director
Groves High School
20500 West 13 Mile Rd.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025
(248) 203-3585

Mr. Aaron Frank, Athletic Director
Seaholm High School
2436 West Lincoln
Birmingham, MI 48009
(248) 203-3773

**I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE RISK OF SERIOUS
PERSONAL INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH MY STUDENTS
PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Educational Material for Parents and Students (Content Meets MDCH Requirements)

Sources: Michigan Department of Community Health, CDC and the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE)

UNDERSTANDING CONCUSSION

Some Common Symptoms

Headache	Balance Problems	Sensitive to Noise	Poor Concentration	Not "Feeling Right"
Pressure in the Head	Double Vision	Sluggishness	Memory Problems	Feeling Irritable
Nausea/Vomiting	Blurry Vision	Haziness	Confusion	Slow Reaction Time
Dizziness	Sensitive to Light	Fogginess	"Feeling Down"	Sleep Problems
		Grogginess		

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A **concussion** is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by a fall, bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. A concussion can be caused by a shaking, spinning or a sudden stopping and starting of the head. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. A concussion can happen even if you haven't been knocked out.

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussions can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If the student reports any symptoms of a concussion, or if you notice symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away. A student who may have had a concussion should not return to play on the day of the injury and until a health care professional says they are okay to return to play.

IF YOU SUSPECT A CONCUSSION:

- SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY** – A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for the student to return to regular activities, including sports. Don't hide it, report it. Ignoring symptoms and trying to "tough it out" often makes it worse.
- KEEP YOUR STUDENT OUT OF PLAY** – Concussions take time to heal. Don't let the student return to play the day of injury and until a health care professional says it's okay. A student who returns to play too soon, while the brain is still healing, risks a greater chance of having a second concussion. Young children and teens are more likely to get a concussion and take longer to recover than adults. Repeat or second concussions increase the time it takes to recover and can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting the student for a lifetime. They can be fatal. It is better to miss one game than the whole season.
- TELL THE SCHOOL ABOUT ANY PREVIOUS CONCUSSION** – Schools should know if a student had a previous concussion. A student's school may not know about a concussion received in another sport or activity unless you notify them.

SIGNS OBSERVED BY PARENTS:

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Can't recall events prior to or after a hit or fall
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes

CONCUSSION DANGER SIGNS:

In rare cases, a dangerous blood clot may form on the brain in a person with a concussion and crowd the brain against the skull. A student should receive immediate medical attention if after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body s/he exhibits any of the following danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other
- Is drowsy or cannot be awakened
- A headache that gets worse
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Cannot recognize people/places
- Becomes increasingly confused, restless or agitated
- Has unusual behavior
- Loses consciousness (even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously.)

HOW TO RESPOND TO A REPORT OF A CONCUSSION:

If a student reports one or more symptoms of a concussion after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, s/he should be kept out of athletic play the day of the injury. The student should only return to play with permission from a health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion. During recovery, rest is key. Exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration (such as studying, working on the computer, or playing video games) may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. Students who return to school after a concussion may need to spend fewer hours at school, take rests breaks, be given extra help and time, spend less time reading, writing or on a computer. After a concussion, returning to sports and school is a gradual process that should be monitored by a health care professional.

Remember: Concussion affects people differently. While most students with a concussion recover quickly and fully, some will have symptoms that last for days, or even weeks. A more serious concussion can last for months or longer.

To learn more, go to www.cdc.gov/concussion.

BCS Tennis Team - Spring 2017

Coach: Steven Whitted
steven.whitted@gmail.com

Practices

- Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 PM, except meet days. Tuesday and Thursday: Choice Hour until 4:30 PM
- There will be no practices on the days of matches
- Practices and Matches are at Sommerset Apartments
 - Courts are located at 2501 Sommerset Blvd, Troy, MI 48084

Match Schedule

Date	Time	Schedule
Thurs. 4/13	4pm	Home vs Bloomfield Hills MS
Tues. 4/18	4pm	Away @ East Hills MS
Thurs. 4/20	4pm	Away @ Berkshire MS (Birmingham Country Club)
Tues. 4/25	4pm	Home vs Cranbrook (Lone Pine & Orchard Ridge Rd)
Tues. 5/2	4pm	Away @ Detroit Country Day (DCDS High School)
Thurs. 5/4	4:30pm	Away @ Norup MS (Catalpa & Robina)
Tues. 5/9	4pm	Home vs Derby MS (Birmingham Racquet Club)
Thurs. 5/11	4pm	Home vs West Hills MS

- Kids who are not on the Match Ladder are expected to attend the matches and cheer on their peers as no choice hour will be available to them to attend at BCS.
- If a Match is cancelled, students will attend a tennis study with Coach Whitted.
- 6th graders will be full participants on the tennis team this spring

League Meet Schedule

Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Singles	WHMS 1 and 2
		DCD 3 and 4
Wednesday, May 24, 2017	Doubles	WHMS 1 and 2
		DCD 3 and 4

Thursday, May 25, 2017 Make-up date

There is no transportation offered for tennis. Students will need to be transported to and from practices and matches by a parent/adult.

All players must have the tennis registration form, payment (a check for \$135 payable to BCS), concussion awareness form, and a current physical (dated 4/15/16) on file in order to play.