

Tennis Etiquette Guidelines

The OBJECTIVE:

To increase individual awareness of the social aspects of the game of Tennis.

Basic Conduct:

- The tradition of the game calls for courtesy, a minimum of temperamental display and no alibis.
- Do not stall, sulk, pout, complain, or practice gamesmanship during play.
- You are to control your language...IN ANY language.
- Don't coach, and if asked consider it a one time request.
- ALL players are responsible to keep track of the score and the server should announce it.

Getting On A Court:

- Wait until a point is over before going behind a court where a match is in progress.
- When getting ready to go onto a court you are expected:
 - to wait until play has terminated and then to RUN to your court
 - to always go behind the court not through the court
- If you must cross several courts you are expected to run to the space between the court until play on that court has been completed and then proceed.
- Winter Tennis - When going through the revolving door make sure it's closed in the "X" manner.
 - when going through a divided area pull the tarp/canvass closed, behind you.

Ball Control:

- When returning a ball to the server it should be returned:
 - AT the server, WHEN the server is facing you...
 - And NOT at the same time as the other ball is being returned...
 - AND the ball is hit into the air so that it lands with one bounce right into the server's hand.
- When playing doubles... The server's partner is the controller of the third ball.
- If while returning a ball to the server and he/she inadvertently turns his/her back, holler something to get their attention so they don't get startled.
- It is very poor sportsmanship, not to mention dangerous, to swing wildly at a ball in frustration at having missed a shot or whatever.
- Wait until the players on another court have completed their point before retrieving, returning or requesting a ball.
- When a serve is OUT the ball is to be hit to the net, caught and held, or moved to the back of the court but not hit back to the server.
- Wait until a point is over before going behind a court where a match is in progress.

Line Calls:

- Line calls are made AFTER the ball bounces.
- In doubles, if one player calls it in and other player calls it outIT'S IN.
- If there is any doubt whether it's in or outIT'S IN.
- It is your responsibility to call all balls on your side.
- AND to call against yourself any ball you see out on your opponent's side of the net.
- Do not enlist spectators' help in making line calls.
- If you call a ball out then realize it was good, correct your call immediately.

Lets:

- When a serve hits the net and lands in the service box, serve is replayed.
- When another tennis ball enters your play area. (calls must be made instantaneously)

