

The Honor Code of Ethics

“Today’s Opponent Is Tomorrow’s Tennis Friend.”

Courtesy:

The game of tennis depends upon courtesy and fairness.

Hosting teams should extend themselves to provide pleasant conditions for their guests. Tennis balls and rest room facilities must be provided; other refreshments may be provided. Above all, it is important to treat visiting teams like friends.

Guest teams should be courteous and friendly, supporting the host’s efforts at providing a pleasant tennis atmosphere.

Friends, Coaches, Children, Parents:

Absolutely no coaching will be allowed during play. Spectators or coaches may not volunteer advice on line calls, scoring, or the conduct of a match.

Conduct of Players:

The highest type of sportsmanship is expected from every player. Neither fast-play or stalling will be acceptable or to be tolerated.

It is your obligation to help your opponent make a call when your help is requested.

It is the server’s responsibility to call loudly and clearly the score before each point or first serve.

Calls of “out” or “let” must be made instantly. A delay in making the call implies that the ball was not seen clearly and is therefore “good”.

In doubles, if one partner calls the ball “out” and the other partner calls it “good”, then the ball was not seen clearly and is therefore “good”.

You must volunteer honestly against yourself those violations such as a double-bounce, ball touching your body or clothing, touching the net or reaching over the net.

Rules Specifically Prohibits the Following:

Loud, abusive or profane language; racquet throwing or slamming of balls; intentional waving of a racquet or arms, or making distracting noises.

Stalling. There will be no continuous strolling to the net to use towels, getting sips of water, or sitting down to rest between points.

Coaching or outside distractions such as inappropriate cheering or clapping.

Cheating. The Golden Rule of Tennis is that every player calls balls on her/his side of the net as she/he would want them called on the other side.

Foot-faulting: A person who unknowingly foot-faults is taking advantage of her opponent. The person who knowingly foot-faults is cheating.