



BASIC TENNIS ETIQUETTE

- All balls on your side of the net are your responsibility to pick up and, where appropriate, pass directly to the server.
- The receiver should not return the first serve, if it is an obvious fault - let it go by or ground it.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators, in making line calls, or attempting to determine other on-court matters.
- In any instance that you are not 100% sure that the ball is out, the benefit of the doubt shall be in favour of the opponent. The principle of “when in doubt call out” has no place in tennis and shall be deemed as unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed the point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practise gamesmanship.
- Receivers must be ready to play when the server is ready to serve, provided that the time is reasonable (10 seconds).
- "CALLS" should be verbal and clearly audible to the opponent.
- Hand signals do not constitute a call.
- Respect your Opponent(s), Spectators, Officials and Tournament Staff.

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