



NORTH EASTERN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION Inc.

GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS

1. Respect and abide by all Club's Rules.
2. Know and abide by the NEJTA Match Rules, including the Code of Conduct and Dress Code.
3. Introduce yourself to your opponent and confirm they are the correct opposition.
4. **SINGLES COMPETITION:**
The server should announce the score (loudly enough for opponent/s to hear) before starting a game and the point score prior to each first serve.
DOUBLES COMPETITION:
The umpire should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score at the conclusion of each point.
5. **SINGLES COMPETITION:**
Each player is responsible for all decisions in his/her half of the court. He/she should be completely honest in all "calls" but, if in doubt he/she should give his/her opposition the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. The point should not be replayed.
6. If players cannot agree on the score, they should calmly and respectfully discuss the points/games that are disputed. If they cannot reach agreement they should only replay the number of points/games that are in dispute i.e. two players cannot agree on whether the score is 40-30 or 30-40, but they do agree that they have won two points each. The game shall continue from 30-30. When the game score is in dispute the same principles apply with all agreed games standing and only disputed games being replayed.
7. If a dispute arises then players should attempt to settle the dispute. If players cannot settle the dispute then they must call the Home Supervisor to assist. (*The Home Supervisor is the only person permitted on the court other than the actual players involved in the set*). Players are not to ask spectators for assistance.
8. If a player is unhappy with his/her opponent's actions or decisions, he/she should call the Home Supervisor immediately. This may include any disputes where players cannot reach agreement.
9. Players are to be courteous and respectful to Home Supervisors at all times.
10. The server should have 2 tennis balls, one in hand for the first serve and the second ball in pocket or similar. Players should not place the second ball on the ground.
11. The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it.
12. 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 walk behind a court while points are being played – wait until the completion of the point before walking behind the court.
13. Support and encourage your team members by watching their matches.
14. When representing your Club or the Association it is expected that you will always act in an appropriate manner.
15. Display good sportsmanship and good etiquette at all times.
16. Screaming regularly and loudly, whether in relation to winning and/or losing a point is likely to cause interference to play on nearby courts and may be considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct. Deliberate celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation, and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct.