

## 2025 GREEN BALL GUIDELINES

Green Ball competition in competitive play is a learning process for all players, and whilst they should be encouraged to score on their own, it is understood that they are still within the developmental stage while others may be able to confidently score on their own. Please only assist the players, if they are requiring assistance.

### **Parent Involvement/Encouragement:**

It is encouraged to only have a parent on court should the players require assistance or to assist in scoring a tiebreak at which point should be communicated with the Venue Supervisor.

However, in the first instance, players should be umpiring their own match. It is recommended that if there is doubt within a players call, they should call it in. Further to this, parents/spectators should be encouraging players to clearly and loudly call the lines on their side of the court.

The server should be clearly and loudly be calling the score after each point.

### **When to go to the Venue Supervisor:**

If there are consistently incorrect calls being made – parents are encouraged to go to alert the Venue Supervisor where they will monitor the calls. When the Supervisor witnesses an incorrect call, they will educate the player around the call and warn that the next incorrect call may be overruled.

If the score in a match cannot be agreed on, both players should wait on court for the Venue Supervisor to assist in resolving the matter.

The Venue Supervisor should make sure that there is no interference from parents / spectators / resting players. The only person who can umpire in the first instance are the players. If an umpire is required, a parent who has been agreed upon by both teams shall be on court.