

# TENNIS SA JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

# PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

## RESPECT YOUR VENUE SUPERVISOR

Officials and Venue Supervisors do it for the love of the game.

Officials and Venue Supervisors aren't perfect; they do make mistakes just like players!!

### Dispute Resolution Procedure for Players

Players are responsible for their game of tennis (not parents/spectators).

Players requesting assistance regarding score disputes, inappropriate line calling, bad sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour (from other players, spectators, or parents) are to:

1. Advise your opponent that you wish to call for the Venue Supervisor to help resolve the issue.
2. Place your racquet on the court to signify that you are seeking Venue Supervisor's help.
3. Report this to either the Venue Supervisor directly or through their team manager who will alert the Venue Supervisor
4. Parents or spectators (unless the team manager) are not to call the Venue Supervisor on behalf of the player or interfere.
5. The Venue Supervisor will assist players in resolving the issue.

- ✓ **The server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point and must be loud enough for his/her opponent to hear.**
- ✓ **All balls on your side of the net are your responsibility to pick up and return directly to the server.**
- ✓ **The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault -- let it go by or ground it.**
- ✓ **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 unsportsmanlike.**
- ✓ **Constant overt celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation.**
- ✓ **Players are always expected to shake hands (or tap racquets) with their opponent(s) at the completion of a match.**
- ✓ **Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents and coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.**
- ✓ **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 a point.**
- ✓ **Do not stall, sulk, or complain.**
- ✓ **Practice the principles of fair play.**
- ✓ **In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should call the service line for him/her. The receiver should call the centre and side service lines. The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.**

