

TENNIS ETIQUETTE – CLAY COURTS

For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all players should follow:

- A ball mark can only be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a return is permitted, but then the player must immediately stop).
- If a player prepares and gets in the ready position to return the next shot then play continues and it is too late to call a “fault” or “out.”
- There is no set time or time limit to check a ball mark on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped.
- Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponent’s side of the court, unless invited by their opponent to do so.
- If a player erases the mark, he/she is conceding the call.
- If a player calls a ball “out,” he/she should, in normal circumstances, be able to show the correct mark.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then realises that the ball was good, the player who called “out” loses the point.