



# Code of Conduct



**Players Pledge:** I understand the importance of having good sportsmanship and etiquette while playing hard. I will be respectful of all players, coaches, spectators, and league coordinators. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language, taunting, trash talking, and unnecessary outbursts. I acknowledge these expectations and accept the responsibility and privilege of representing my team, club, and Raleigh Junior Tennis League.

## Player Code of Conduct Guidelines:

- Introduce yourself to your opponent and exchange tennis balls in a polite manner for the entire match.
- Call the score after each point loud enough for your opponent to hear it.
- Compliment good shots.
- Abide by the line calls of your opponent.
  - Do not question the integrity of your opponent by saying, "Are you sure that ball was out?"
  - Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
    - Ball touching any part of the line is good. A ball 99% out is still 100% good.
  - Call your coach when you can't agree on the score or have another dispute
- Do not stall as this violates the continuous play rule.
- Maintain positive body language.
  - Refrain from swearing, emotional outbursts such as banging my racquet, launching balls, making negative comments.
- Shake hands with your opponent at the end of the match and say something nice.
  - Report results at the end of the match to your coach

**Parent/Spectator Pledge:** I acknowledge that I am a role model. I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and league coordinators. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. I understand the rules and will demonstrate good sportsmanship that comes with being a parent of a Raleigh Junior Team Tennis athlete.

## Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct Guidelines:

- Let the coaches do the coaching.
  - Remain off court at all times.
  - Do not communicate with your child or interfere with them at any time during a match.
    - Refrain from interfering with scoring or line calling (unless acting as an agreed court monitor 8U/10U).
- Spectators should not heckle players or applaud players errors.
  - Cheering for an unforced error or a double fault is not considered good sportsmanship or etiquette.
- Be your child's best fan.
  - Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Remember that children participate in sports for their enjoyment, not yours.

**Coaches Pledge:** I am a youth sports tennis coach and this recreational experience is for the children not for the adults. I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved within Junior Team Tennis. This includes opponents, coaches, administrators, parents, and other spectators. I will always follow the league rules and the spirit of fair play and will encourage my players to do the same. I will be a great role model!

## Coaches Code of Conduct:

- Treat administrators, officials, opposing coaches and players with respect and dignity and encourage your players and parents to do the same.
  - Yelling at or arguing with other coaches, parents, or players is not considered good sportsmanship or etiquette.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of ALL players ahead of a personal desire to win.
  - I will remove myself from conflict and/or address it with the other coach, away from players, parents, and spectators.
- I will not directly question a player from the opposing team without the coach or parents' consent or presence.