



HIGGINS PARK TENNIS CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

ON COURT

All Members are expected to behave in a sporting manner towards the opposing team or player, both when representing the Club and on Social Days. Please remember that any misconduct or gamesmanship reflects badly, not only on the individual involved, but also on the name of Higgins Park Tennis Club.

OFF COURT

- a. Spectators, including parents, relatives, friends and coaches, must not interfere with, or participate in, on-court matters unless it is in an official capacity.
- b. If Pennant or Tournament matches are in progress, Members are REMINDED to show consideration for these players, by keeping noise levels to a minimum and by not walking behind matches or distracting players.
- c. Whilst cheering and supporting of other players is encouraged this must be done in respectful manner to the opposition and timed so as to not disrupt a player.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR – Seniors and Juniors

- a. Abusive, obscene or profane language, racquet throwing or hitting balls indiscriminately are OFFENCES under the Code of Conduct. (Tennis West Behaviour Code).
- b. It is your obligation to call balls in or out at your end, and also to help your opponent make calls at their end if you are requested.
- c. If the ball is not good, you should call clearly and promptly. If in doubt, you should not make a call and play the ball as good.
- d. If you and your opponent agree that neither of you was in a position to judge and call the ball, then a LET should be played.
- e. To avoid controversy over the score, the SERVER should announce set score before starting a game and the game score after each point.
- f. Do not attempt to make a mockery of a match, whether you are winning or losing.
- g. Wait until the point is over before walking behind or on to a court where a match is in progress. When returning a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed the point, or return the ball to the back of their court.
- h. If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point.
- i. Return balls directly to the person serving, and try to refrain from hitting service faults.
- j. Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.
- h. A player must present for matches in clean and appropriate tennis attire and footwear.
- i. Consumption of alcohol during a match is prohibited.