

Albury Tennis Associations Code of Conduct Schedule

Fines.

The maximum monetary fine which may be imposed for a breach of this Code is \$1,000.00 or such other amount as determined by the ATA.

Compensation

The maximum amount which may be awarded for compensation is \$2,000.00

Tier offences

Breaches of this code are either tier 1 or tier 2 offences. The schedule identifies which are tier 1 offences and which are tier 2 offences. Different rules apply to each of the tiers.

Penalties for Tier 1 offences

1. A warning.
2. Forfeiture of a point, set or match.
3. Suspension from play for the remainder of the day.
4. Expulsion from the tennis event for the remainder of the day.
5. A maximum fine of up to \$250.
6. A requirement to pay compensation up to \$250.

Penalties for Tier 2 offences

As for a tier 1 offence and any other disciplinary action provided for in the Code.

Tier 1 offences	
Item No.	Description
1	General obligations Everyone involved in Tournaments and Competitions, whether they are players, coaches, parents or other stakeholders, are custodians of the sport of tennis, and responsible for upholding the spirit of tennis. This requires an ongoing commitment to: (a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others; (b) Act with honesty, integrity, humility and professionalism; (c) Compete to the best of your ability at all times; (d) Take responsibility for your own actions; (e) Read, understand and comply with all of tennis' standards, rules, regulations, policies and by-laws as amended from time to time. If you have queries, ask someone; (f) Respect opposition players and other spectators; (g) Respect the law and act in accordance with it; (h) Act as positive role models for other tennis participants and the community generally; (i) Promote the sport in a positive light; (j) Respect the role of Officials and administrators whose job it is to ensure that Tournaments and Competitions are conducted fairly and according to the rules;

	(k) Respect the role of any employees or volunteers who assist in the administration and/or delivery of the sport of tennis.
2	<p>Audible Obscenity.</p> <p>(a) A Participant must not use obscene language.</p> <p>(b) An audible obscenity is the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane (whether in English or any other language) and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by an Official and/or spectators.</p>
3	<p>Visible Obscenity</p> <p>(a) A Participant must not make obscene gestures of any kind.</p> <p>(b) A visible obscenity is the making of signs by a player with their hands, a racquet, tennis balls or any other equipment, that are commonly understood to have an obscene meaning.</p>
4	<p>Ball Abuse</p> <p>(a) A Participant shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball within the precincts of the site except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm-up).</p> <p>(b) Ball abuse includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the intentional or reckless hitting of a ball out of the enclosure of the court; ii. hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court; and/or iii. hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.
5	<p>Abuse of Racquets or Equipment</p> <p>(a) A Participant must not commit an act of abuse of racquets or equipment.</p> <p>(b) An abuse of racquets or equipment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Violently or with anger hitting, kicking or throwing a racquet or other equipment ii. the intentional and violent hitting of the net, court, umpire’s chair or other fixture; iii. the intentional or reckless throwing of a racquet in a dangerous or potentially dangerous manner, whether on or off court.
6	<p>Verbal Abuse</p> <p>(a) A Participant must not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any Official, opponent, spectator or other person within the Venue.</p> <p>(b) Verbal abuse includes a statement about an Official, opponent, sponsor, ATO, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.</p>
7	<p>Coaching</p> <p>(a) A player must not receive coaching during a match (including the warm-up).</p> <p>(b) Coaching is permitted when a match has been formally suspended by the Referee, or his or her representative.</p> <p>(c) Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and their Entourage may be construed as coaching.</p>
8	<p>Best Efforts</p> <p>(a) A player must always compete to the best of their ability and use their best efforts during a match.</p>
9	<p>Dress and Equipment</p> <p>Every player shall dress and present themselves for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire.</p>

10	<p>Spectator Misconduct</p> <p>(a) Any person spectating a match or attending the Albury Grass Courts or tennis event sanctioned or run by the ATA must not engage in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Intimidating, threatening or abusive behaviour toward players, coaches, parents, other spectators or persons at the Venue, Officials and/or other staff or volunteers; ii. Causing a disruption to a Tournament or Competition or a match in progress; Making or causing to be made disrespectful or inappropriate comments or gestures towards Officials, players, coaches, parents, spectators and other persons on-site or involved in the Tournament or Competition; iv. Providing inappropriate instructions, comments or direction to a player including both the spectator's own player or the opponent, of any type (*Note, this may also be considered as "Coaching") and v. Any other inappropriate behaviour as determined by an Official of the ATA
11	<p>Smoking</p> <p>A member, player, spectator or invitee must not smoke at the Albury Grass Court venue or in such a manner that interferes with players or spectators at the venue unless he or she does so in a designated smoking area.</p>
12	<p>Alcohol</p> <p>A player or spectator must not take alcohol onto the court area at the Albury Grass Courts and must consume alcohol in accordance with the terms of the club's liquor licence</p>
<p>Tier 2 Offences</p>	
13	<p>Physical Abuse/ Striking</p> <p>(a) A Participant shall not at any time physically abuse any Official, opponent, spectator or other person.</p> <p>(b) Physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of another person.</p>
14	<p>Serious disruptions by player or spectator</p> <p>A player or spectator must not conduct themselves in a manner which seriously disrupts other players or spectators at the Albury Grass Courts or at another tennis event sanction or run by the ATA.</p>
15	<p>Consequences of being suspended from play for the day or asked to leave venue</p> <p>A player or spectator who commits a breach of this code resulting in that person being suspended from play for the day or asked to leave the Albury Grass Courts on the day is considered to have also committed a tier 2 offence with respect to his or conduct and remains liable to further penalty.</p>
16	<p>Repeat offences</p> <p>A player or spectator who commits more than one breach of the code over any consecutive six month period is considered as having committed a tier 2 offence in relation to the second offence.</p>
17	<p>Serious conduct unbecoming</p> <p>The committee may lay a charge against a player or spectator of serious misconduct where that person repeatedly refuses to follow and abide by reasonable directions, who conducts themselves in a manner which is wholly unbecoming or contrary to the objects of the ATA, puts the operation of the ATA and the safety of its members and guests at risk or exposes the ATA to possible prosecution or other sanctions.</p>

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Breach by an Associated club

An associated club must recognise any finding or a breach of this Code against any of its members and make all reasonable endeavours to have to ensure that its members comply with any disciplinary action taken against them.