



CODE OF CONDUCT

MACEDON RANGES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

By participating in MRTA tennis competitions, whether as a player, an official, a coach or a spectator, every person agrees to abide by this Code of Conduct in accordance with the relevant section shown below. “Players” includes both junior players and senior players. “Officials” includes (but is not limited to) association delegates, club committee members, team managers and umpires. “Spectators” includes all persons in attendance to watch a match, including parents/guardians and coaches.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

1. I will always play by the rules of tennis and behave under the rules set out by Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play (<https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/regulations>)
2. I understand that any verbal or physical abuse to persons or property will not be tolerated, and penalties will apply.
3. I will not use bad language.
4. I will co-operate with my teammates, team manager, coaches, officials, umpires and any club delegates.
5. I will treat all opponents with respect.
6. I will never argue with an opponent: I will call for an official if I disagree with an on-court decision.
7. I will play the game fairly, work hard equally for myself and teammates and be a good sport.
8. I will not take any alcohol onto the court.
9. I will thank the opposition, umpires, and officials at the end of the match.
10. I will shake hands with my opponent at the end of each set.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICIALS

1. I will welcome all players, parents and opposition delegates and have the facilities ready for play.
2. I will support all players equally and treat all players fairly, regardless of ability or grade level.
3. I will communicate cordially with, and treat with respect, other officials, players, coaches and spectators.
4. I will lead by example with good behaviour.
5. I will not take any alcohol onto the court.
6. I will keep up to date with the MRTA By-Laws.



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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS/SPECTATORS/COACHES

1. I will not pressure my child or any other player in any way.
2. I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
3. I will communicate cordially with, and treat with respect, other spectators, officials, players, and coaches.
4. I will help when asked by an official.
5. I will focus on the players' efforts and development, not the result.
6. I understand that officials are volunteers and will support their efforts.
7. I will not take any alcohol onto the court at open matches, and I will not drink alcohol at any junior matches.
8. I will thank club officials who donated their time at the end of the match

SAFEGARDING OF CHILDREN

MRTA abides by the Tennis Australia Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct (<https://www.tennis.com.au/about-tennis-australia/reports-and-policies/policies>).

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Any breaches of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action from either the MRTA committee or the Tennis Australia Integrity team.

Anyone who needs to contact MRTA regarding a breach of the policy should contact the MRTA Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) for assistance (contact details provided on our website).

Tennis Australia Integrity team can be contacted by emailing Integrity@tennis.com.au