



## Guidelines for Parents

Helpful Hints to assist you and your child in achieving the best tennis experience with the PTA.

As a parent/carer of a Peninsula Tennis Junior player, this document has been designed to help you understand the involvement of both your players and yourself in competition tennis and give you an outline of what you can expect. The rules for Peninsula Tennis Association can be found at your club and on the Peninsula Tennis Association website [www.peninsulatennis.com.au](http://www.peninsulatennis.com.au).

If you are unsure, or don't understand anything, speak to your Junior Coordinator.

### ATTENDANCE

As a Parent/Carer your child has been entered in a Peninsula Tennis Association Junior Tennis competition.

1. All players competing in PTA Competitions should be registered with a Match Centre account. You can do this at <https://matchcentre.tennis.com.au/>
2. The PTA Competition cover clubs from Sorrento to Patterson Lakes and all clubs in between and as such some travel is required to play matches at away venues.
3. The Association runs its competition from 8.15am – 12.30pm. Teams are asked to be at the venue by 8.00am to get yourself and team organised so matches start no later than 8.15am.
4. Each match is allocated a minimum of 1 court and wherever possible 2 courts.
5. If you are more than 15 minutes late, the opposition may claim the first set to nil. Wherever possible notify your team manager that you are running late.
6. Should your player be unavailable for any reason your Junior Coordinator should be advised as early as possible so a replacement can be found. This often is not easy.
7. Most clubs appoint a parent/carer of each team as a team manager to liaise with the other parents/carers of team members in the team and to arrange team rosters.
8. On arrival at the away venue, the team manager should advise the duty supervisor - who will be wearing an orange vest - that all team members are present.
9. The scoresheet must be filled in before players go out on to court to start their matches. As a general rule, scoresheets cannot be altered once completed.
10. The scoresheet lists players in their order of merit. Players must play in this order. Should the first player be away then all players move up one spot on the day.
11. If you are playing as an emergency player, make sure your details are entered in the comments section – Your name and section you usually play in or your match centre Id no.
12. Inclement weather. Unless you are advised otherwise by your club Junior Coordinator, all players should attend whether at home or away.
13. It is the responsibility of the Duty Supervisor at the venue club to decide as to whether or not courts are playable, and matches cannot be called a washout unless the Venue Supervisor has signed the score sheet accordingly. It is the sole responsibility of the Duty Supervisor to call a washout. No other person can call a washout.
14. If you have a child with special needs, please advise the Venue Supervisor upon arrival.

## ON COURT

Unlike some sports there are clear rules and regulations that apply to parent involvement in tennis. Many of our parents/carers are new to the sport and the following is a list of the most important rules and regulations.

1. As a parent of a child participating in PTA Junior Tennis it is your responsibility to ensure your child is capable of coping with a competitive environment. This includes being capable of keeping the score, being able to call lines fairly (and when in doubt call in favour of your opponent) and demonstrating sporting behaviour regardless of whether winning or losing.
2. Coaching or communication in any form while a player is involved on court either in a set or rubber is strictly prohibited.
3. Assisting players in any way to call lines or keep score or in any other involvement in a match is a no no and strictly not allowed.
4. No parent/carer or other player is permitted on the court while a match is in progress.  
Exception: The duty supervisor or their authorised representative may be on court to supervise when required
5. Each player is responsible for calls on his/her side of the net however a Court Supervisor is permitted to reverse an incorrect call.
6. If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of doubt to his/her opponent
7. 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.
8. There is no problem reminding players to call the score after each point, however it should be a reminder only and not provide the score.
9. If as a parent/carer you are concerned with any on court or off court activity, such as parental involvement, throwing of racquets, obscene language or other improper behaviour, you should bring the problem to the attention of the venue supervisor for action.  
You must not try to handle it yourself or become involved.
10. Please feel free to encourage all players from both teams. Encourage but do not criticise (eg clapping faults or balls hit out) as the latter will kill a player's enthusiasm quicker than anything else and ultimately turn them away from the sport. Do not become the "Ugly Parent".
11. The Tennis Australia Rules for matches played without a chair umpire and tennis etiquette and Correcting Errors should be displayed in your club's clubrooms. <https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Procedures-for-Matches-played-without-a-Chair-Umpire-V19.3.pdf>

## DISPUTES/QUERIES

The Peninsula Tennis Association has clear channels for the above. All disputes that need the attention of the Peninsula Tennis Association must be submitted through your club. Your club coordinator knows the procedure.

As an Association we are involved with approximately 40 clubs and many teams each week. As a result, we cannot accept phone calls and emails from individual players or parents/carers. In most cases, queries can be satisfied at club level. If it is a problem that the club cannot handle and should be referred to the Association, they know who to contact to obtain an answer.

## RESPECT

Please remember that your Club officials and Peninsula Tennis Association officials are volunteers that willingly give up their time and use their expertise to provide your players with the opportunity to play competition tennis. If you meet them or need to speak to them, afford them the respect and courtesy they deserve for doing what is a sometimes difficult job.

Visit our website for all the details or to contact us – [peninsulatennis.com.au](https://peninsulatennis.com.au)

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