



# How should players behave?



## HTA Code of Conduct Policy

On the whole, our experience is that players (from both home and away teams) are usually considerate and polite of one another.

However, it is worth noting that the Hills Tennis Association (HTA) Rules of Match Play provide for a warning to be given if a player engages in any of the following examples of bad behavior. If the bad behavior occurs again after the warning has been given, the set will be **FORFEITED**.

1. Bad language (directed at self or others).
2. Racquet abuse (throwing or hitting net, fences, etc.).
3. Yelling or screaming at themselves or others, so that it is clearly audible and distracting.
4. Intimidation.
5. Constant dispute of line calls.
6. Ball abuse (hitting out of court, into fences, and not directly returning balls to opponent).



## Tennis Australia Etiquette

In addition to the HTA Code of Conduct Policy, the following rules of etiquette as promulgated by Tennis Australia should also be observed:

1. All balls on your side of the net are your responsibility, to pick up and where appropriate, return by rolling the ball under net directly to the server.
2. The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it.
3. Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches etc, in making line calls, or attempting to determine other on-court matters.
4. To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving for each point.
5. Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
6. To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
7. Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practice gamesmanship (which is the use of ploys and tactics to gain a psychological advantage in order to win games).