



APPENDIX B

NORTH EASTERN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

CODES OF CONDUCT

To apply to all competition and events under the control of and/ or representing the NEJTA (Inc.) or any matter arising from or in connection with the NEJTA.

Any event not covered by the following NEJTA rules will be deferred to the Tennis Victoria Code of Conduct.

GENERAL – APPLIES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS/PARTIES

- a. No person shall, during a match or at any time whilst on location at any tennis club or other court venue, engage in conduct to lower the integrity or standing of the NEJTA (Inc.) or of the game of tennis.
- b. All parties will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. For the purposes of this policy, unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as misconduct by a person, prior to, during, or subsequent to a match that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport, but does not specifically fall within other violation categories.
- c. Respect and co-operate with others at all times.
- d. No person shall at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of the court, Club or venue. No person shall use audible obscenities or make obscene gestures. Intimidation, bullying and harassment will not be tolerated.
- e. Physical abuse/threat of physical abuse of any person **will not** be tolerated **under any circumstances**.

PLAYERS

- a. Co-operate with your team-mates, opponents and the Court Supervisor.
- b. Players shall not violently, or with anger, hit, kick or throw a tennis ball, racquet, or any other equipment, or in any way interfere with any court equipment.
- c. No player of either team is permitted to leave the match venue before the completion of the match without prior permission from the Home Supervisor.
- d. Players cannot receive coaching/advice/instruction of any kind whilst on the tennis court.

IF THE CONDUCT OF A PLAYER IS DEEMED BY THE HOME SUPERVISOR TO HAVE VIOLATED THE CODE OF CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE APPLIED:

- 1) ***One Warning***
Advise player that if they offend again they will lose a point.
- 2) ***Offending player loses a point***
Advise player if they offend again they will forfeit current and all remaining sets.
- 3) ***Offending player is to be removed from the court and must forfeit current and remaining sets.***

The Court Supervisor can, taking into account all the facts, determine that a significant violation warrants immediate set default without progressing through the above stages.

If any player violates the Code of Conduct and is addressed by the Home Supervisor then a Match Rule Violation Report must be submitted by the Home Supervisor. This report can be sent via email and must be submitted through the Junior Secretary. It must reach the Association Secretary by 6:30 pm Tuesday) following the match.

COURT SUPERVISORS/UMPIRES

- a. Home Supervisors/Umpires must be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others. Language used, presentation, manners and punctuality should reflect high standards. Home Supervisors are role models for others.
- b. Home Supervisors/Umpires must demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under the age of 18 years, as words and actions used are an example to others.
- c. Strict impartiality must be maintained at all times.
- d. Home Supervisors/Umpires must make decisions fully supported by the NEJTA Match Rules and Code of Conduct.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS/TEAM OFFICIALS

- a. Parents/Spectators/Team Officials must not interfere at any time. Your position is in an encouragement capacity only.
- b. No coaching of players or conversation with players is permitted from court side.
- c. Parents/Spectators/Team Officials shall not applaud mistakes, e.g. Double Faults
- d. Take action if requested to do so by the Home Supervisor.

If the conduct of a Parent/Spectator/Team Official is deemed by the Home Supervisor to interfere with the conduct of a match, then play must be stopped and that person must be advised that play will not continue until their conduct improves **The Association must be notified immediately by phoning the NEJTA mobile 0408 587 380.**

NEJTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS/CLUB OFFICIALS

- a. NEJTA Committee members/Club Officials must act in a professional manner at all times.
- b. Maintain total confidentiality on all NEJTA matters.
- c. NEJTA Committee members/Club Officials must be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others. Language and manners used should reflect high standards. Officials are role models for others.
- d. NEJTA Committee members/Club Officials must demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under the age of 18 years, as words and actions used are an example to others.
- e. Strict impartiality must be maintained at all times.
- f. NEJTA Committee members/Club Officials must make decisions fully supported by the NEJTA Match Rules and Code of Conduct.