

PLAYER AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Junior Tennis Association of Georgia Tennis Player Conduct

As a member of MAP Tennis certain behavior is expected. We expect the highest level of sportsmanship and exemplary behavior both on and off the court. The following list includes but is not limited to what is expected from the players. Any violation of these rules will receive disciplinary actions as follows: 1st offense – Verbal Warning, 2nd offense – Loss of Game, 3rd offense – Removal from Event.

1. If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good.
2. It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of a first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
3. Any "out" or "let" call must be made instantaneously; otherwise the ball continues in play.
4. Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
5. If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, the point is over and your opponent wins the point.
6. At any time the tournament director can appoint someone to help referee the match. This includes the youth leaders as long as they are not family or participating in the division. The referee will not call balls in or out, but will instead only change egregious errors.
7. To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the set score before starting a game and the game score prior to serving each point.
8. If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point, or they may spin a racket.
9. Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship. Any player found to be unsportsmanlike can be assessed a penalty and/or removed from the event.
10. Wait until the players on another court have completed a point before retrieving or returning a ball.
11. From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous. Attempts to stall or to extend rest periods for the purpose of recovering from a loss of physical condition are clearly illegal.
12. Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or effort to play the ball are against the rules.
13. Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.

If a player verbally or physically abuses another player, spectator or official he/she will be immediately removed from the event.

Spectator Conduct

Cheering is allowed, but it should not be disruptive. Remember, our concern is the well-being of every junior participating in this event. Spectators should use common sense. Think how your child would feel in a situation before subjecting another child to unfairness. If cheering gets out of hand, the spectators will be informed that any cheering or clapping will not be allowed the remainder of the match. If abuse continues the person(s) will be asked to leave the site until the match is completed. If the person(s) refuse to leave then the match is immediately defaulted and the player is removed from the event.

Coaching is allowed, but only at the end of each set. If this rule is abused the person(s) will receive 1 warning before being asked to leave the site until the match is completed. If the person(s) refuse to leave then the match is immediately defaulted and the player is removed from the event.

Players Signature

Parent Signature