

BOROONDARA TENNIS CENTRE

CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR ALL SOCIAL COMPETITIONS 2021

This Policy and Code of Conduct outlines expected standards of behaviour by players, spectators, coaches and parents or guardians who participate in or attend weekly tennis competitions.

The Code of Conduct

The Boroondara Tennis Centre has developed this Code of Conduct to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing for everyone which includes the standards governed by the Australian Human Rights Commission Act, the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport, Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Weekly Competitions.

Every person should ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion
- opportunity for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect the rights, dignity and worth toward others
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behaviour
- protection from sexual harassment or intimidation
- be fair, considerate and honest when dealing with others
- operate within the rules of the sport

Code of Behaviour

1. If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of any doubt to his/her opponent, in particular regarding line calls.
2. All 'out' or 'fault' calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and must be loud enough for the opponent to hear.
3. If a player incorrectly calls a ball 'out' and then realises the ball is in, the point should be replayed. Unless it was a point winning shot. In these circumstances, the player who called 'out' loses the point.
4. A service 'let' may be called by either player/team.
5. The receiver may not call a foot fault against the server.
6. The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server. Both players must ensure they restrict their warm-up time, and minimise time between points and at the change of ends.
7. 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, and must be loud enough for his/her opponent to hear.

8. If players cannot agree on the score, they should calmly discuss the points/games that are in dispute. All points or games which the players agree on stand and only those in dispute should be replayed i.e two players cannot agree on whether the score is 40-30 or 30-40 and disagree only on who won the first point in the game. The game shall continue from 30-30, since both players agree that they have won two points each.
9. When the game score is in dispute the same principles applies i.e two players cannot agree on 4-3 or 3-4, and disagree only on who won the second game. The match shall continue from 3-3, since both players agree that they won three games each. The player who received in the last game that was played will serve in the next game.
10. Where there is a score dispute, a player must make a reasonable effort to remember the actual score i.e points/games played.
11. When a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc), the first time a 'let' should be called and any similar hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
12. Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court a let should be played. Either player can call a let in these circumstances provided they do so in a timely manner. Where this is between a 1st and 2nd serve, a second serve only should be played.
13. In a situation where a ball is lying on the court at the commencement of the point (1st or 2nd serve) it will be deemed to be part of the court during the rally. Movement of this ball during the rally does not constitute hindrance.
14. Players are entitled to request their opponent to remove the ball from the court prior to the commencement of the point.
15. When ball persons are not available as with our social competitions all balls on your side of the net are your responsibility to pick up and return directly to the server.
16. The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it.
17. Either player is allowed to call a foul shot or 'not up', providing this occurs in a timely manner.
18. If at the completion of a match, the players involved realize that the scoring format used was incorrect, the match result shall stand provided all players have left the court enclosure. If the mistake is realised before the players have left the enclosure, the correct scoring format should be used to finalize the match. If this is not possible (i.e the match has progressed beyond the point where the correct scoring format can be implemented), then the score based on the incorrect format stands.
19. Screaming regularly and loudly, whether in relation to winning and/or losing a point is likely to cause interference to play on nearby courts and may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
20. Constant overt celebration directed at an opponent may be considered intimidation, and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct.
21. If playing on a clay court where ball marks are left a ball can only be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a return is permitted, but then the player must immediately stop).
22. 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.

23. If a player erases a mark, he/she is conceding the call.
24. If a player calls a ball 'out', he/she should, in normal circumstances, be able to show the correct mark.
25. In terms of etiquette players are expected at all times to shake hands with their opponent(s) at the completion of the match.
26. Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
27. Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
28. To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
29. Do not stall, complain, sulk or practice gamesmanship.
30. In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line for him/her. The receiver should generally call the centre and side service calls. The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.
31. All players have the responsibility to act in a correct manner whilst at the facility. Offensive language, behaviour and unsportsmanlike conduct are not acceptable. Staff members have the right to ask players to leave the facility if they are deemed to be acting inappropriately. In which case this needs to be formalized.
32. Boroondara Tennis Centre is a smoke free workplace and there is NO smoking allowed within 10 metres of the buildings or the courts at any time.
33. Under no circumstances is alcohol to be consumed on the courts or in the clubhouse on the night of your social competition.
34. A person in charge of a dog on any Council-controlled land, reserve or road must ensure that the dog is secured by a chain, cord or leash and that the owner must pick up after their dog. Dogs are not allowed on the tennis courts or in the buildings at anytime.

TEAM CAPTAIN

Please fill out the details below to confirm your consent to advise all of your team members of the Boroondara Tennis Centre Code of Conduct Guidelines.

Name of Team: _____

Name of Team Captain: _____

Signature of Team Captain: _____

Dated: _____

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