



## ISLTA JUNIOR BRANCH – SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION: TENNIS ETIQUETTE

1. Parents, coaches, spectators, etc. must not speak to the umpire or players during the match (except in the case of injury.)
2. No off-court person should engage in conversation with the umpire.
3. No player may receive any form of coaching by any person whilst the match is in progress.
4. Parents and spectators are to encourage good sportsmanship by both teams.
5. Parents should enjoy the company of other parents, etc. and show support to all players.
6. Umpires must take the job seriously and ensure they follow the play and watch the ball at all times. They should call each point clearly and loudly.
7. Calls by the umpire must be accepted by all players, spectators, coaches, etc. In the event that there is no umpire, each player is responsible for all calls on their side of the net. If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to their opponent. It should be noted that an official is permitted to reverse an incorrect line call.
8. Players must not use offensive language, or abuse equipment, during any match or within the precincts of the tennis venue.
9. Players, umpires and ball persons must not take mobile phones or any electronic devices on the court.
10. Players must not engage in conduct that is directed toward any other person that reflects poorly on the image and integrity of tennis during any match, or at any other time within the precincts of the tennis venue. This conduct includes physical or verbal abuse or belittling or laughing at other players or spectators.
11. Players are not to stall or sulk, nor are they to complain or practise gamesmanship on or off the court.
12. The receiver should not return the ball if it is an obvious FAULT or OUT ball. Let the ball go by or ground it.
13. Saturday Morning Competition is meant to be enjoyed by all players and treated as an opportunity to learn and improve in an enjoyable and fair atmosphere.
14. The importance of fair play, sportsmanship, respect and common courtesy should be acknowledged and encouraged at all times.