

## COMMON COURTESIES AND ETIQUETTE OF TENNIS

Most of us know the right thing to do....we just need a gentle reminder every now and then.

### **Court Availability**

Please call players who have later times to advise them that your court is available for earlier play if your game is cancelled or moved to another time and location.

### **Substitutes**

After the schedules are posted, responsibility passes to the player to **SHOW UP ON TIME**. However, if something unforeseen comes up it is the players responsibility to get a sub or, if unsuccessful he/she must call the other 3 players to advise them of the problem, giving them ample time (not the morning of the game) to resolve it themselves so they can play.

### **Tennis Balls**

Always bring a new can of balls which should be labeled for SOFT SURFACE.

### **Do not walk onto another court during a game**

Wait for the players to finish the game, or minimally the point, before walking onto their court. It is very distracting to have someone disrupt a game in progress, so if you must cross another court, do so after the game is finished, and go around the court, not through the middle.

### **Do not sit within the court without permission**

Always get permission from players to sit within the court before doing so.

### **Do not retrieve your ball from the other court**

As mentioned above, it is common courtesy not to disrupt players on court during a match. If your ball rolls onto an adjacent court, wait for them to finish the game and kindly ask for "a little help" to get their attention. Under no circumstances should you run over onto their court in the middle of a game to retrieve the ball yourself.

### **Show respect and courtesy**

To your opponent(s), your partner, and others on or near the courts: Keep your voice down and confined to your court as much as possible so as not to disrupt players on adjacent courts. If you get into a loud dispute with your opponent, take it off the court and away from other players.

### **Coaching**

Unsolicited coaching is not permitted.

### **Close the gate behind you**

Whether you're coming onto the courts, or leaving, it is common courtesy to close the gate behind you. This will keep the balls inside the confines of the gate and they won't roll outside.

### **Safety**

When players on your court or adjacent court indicate that a ball from an adjacent court is on or entering your court, play is stopped.

### **Have fun!**

The entire objective of playing tennis, aside from being good aerobic exercise, is to have fun and promote a friendly and social environment. You can follow these rules of etiquette and still have a good time on the courts – the players on adjacent courts will appreciate it.

