



## Tennis Etiquette – the appropriate behaviours on a tennis court

### **General**

- Play tennis in clothing for the conditions and the relevant Dress Code.
- Wait until a game or point is finished before walking on to a court.
- If you don't know any of the players on court, introduce yourself.
- Play hard but play fair – remember it's only a game and there is always next week.

### **Serving**

- Always have both tennis balls on you when you are about to serve.
- Serve when you and the receiver are ready.
- Don't return (obvious) faults to the Server or into the net.

### **Line calls**

- The receiver calls the serve when it is near the centreline or sideline. The receiving net person calls the service line.
- Don't call the receiving service line from the baseline where you served.
- Don't call a serve into the net as a 'Fault' – the result is obvious to all.
- Always call a ball out when you are in a position to, even if the point is not in your favour.
- If you wish to query a line call, simply ask “..Are you sure of your call?..”.
- Call the lines honestly and give your opponent the benefit of the doubt in those inevitable close ones – everyone will admire you and respect your achievements.

### **Scoring**

- The Server has the responsibility of keeping score and should state the score clearly prior to serving each point.

### **Retrieving tennis balls**

- Return the balls for service when the Server is ready to receive the balls.