

HS Tennis Guidelines and Etiquette for Coaches, Players and Parents

1. Only the players on the court may make line calls. Parents, coaches, bystanders and other teammates may not make line calls or influence the call in any way.
2. It is un-sportsmanlike to cheer unforced errors. Players, parents, coaches and other bystanders should avoid cheering unforced errors. Be positive and cheer well-executed shots and points.
3. It is distracting for players when coaches, bystanders and teammates yell or shout across a court where a match is in play. Please refrain from this.
4. When a match is over, players should immediately report their scores to the coach.
5. Players can only make line calls on their side of the net. A player may challenge the line call of his/her opponent or question a possible foot fault or other rule violation. However, a player may not make such calls on anyone but himself/herself. Any such questioning or challenging should be done with court etiquette in mind. The one exception is let serve, either side may call a let serve.
6. If a singles player or doubles team is uncertain about a line call on their side of the net, the point goes to the opponent. If a doubles team is not in agreement on a line call on their side of the net, the point goes to the opponent. Be honest and ethical in line calls. Also, simply because you think your opponents made a bad call does not mean that he actually did so.
7. Profanity or abuse to equipment is not allowed. Players will follow the code of conduct and point-penalty system as follows once a warning is given. In section play, there is not a warning. 1st offense- point, 2nd offense- game, 3rd offense- default match.
8. Leave all personal gear out of the way of play. It should be stored near the net post, not in the back court near the fence where it can easily get in the way.

9. Do not walk across or behind someone else's court when a match is in play. Wait until the point is over and cross behind carefully. Likewise, be observant when chasing down a ball and call a "let" when another ball enters your court.

10. Players: If parents or other bystanders are bothering you, please let the coach know about this. We ask you not to engage in any verbal disputes with onlookers, as this would be both distracting and upsetting to you and everyone around you. The coaches will handle his situation.