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SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR COMPETITION

NSTA TENNIS ETIQUETTE

PARENTS AND PLAYERS ARE REQUESTED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING TENNIS ETIQUETTE WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED AND ADOPTED BY THE NORTHERN SUBURBS TENNIS ASSOCIATION FOR ALL COMPETITION PLAY:

- When you are the home team, try to identify your opponents before the match starts, welcome them and tell them which court the match will be played on
- Display good sportsmanship at all times. It is very important to be calm while you are playing and not lose your temper or throw your racquet. Staying calm will assist you to play better and improve your tennis
- Return the balls along the ground to the server
- Don't walk at the back or side of the court when a point is being played
- Say sorry or hold up your hand if you get a net cord
- Don't return faults unless the ball is very close
- Compliment good shots
- Don't talk during a point unless to say 'yours' etc.
- If your partner is playing his/her singles, do not talk to the players on court
- Don't talk to the umpire as it can disrupt his/her concentration
- Don't question the umpire's calls and especially don't hassle the umpire. Accept mistakes if they are made (mistakes are made at Wimbledon)
- It is very important for parents and other spectators to also accept the umpire's (or players') calls, whether they are correct or not, and not interfere with the play from off the court
- Spectators (including parents) should not sit court-side or MUST NOT speak to the players during a match
- Umpiring –
 - * concentrate
 - * call the balls and score loudly after each point
 - * call fairly – remember the edge of the line is in
- Spectators should clap good shots on both sides and be particularly careful not to clap mistakes, e.g. double faults

Extract from NSTA COMPETITION RULES

Rule 9. UMPIRES, BALLBOYS/GIRLS

May be arranged by Captains by mutual agreement, but if one team so insists then umpires and/or ballboys/girls must be arranged from the players involved in the match only.

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- It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of all first serves) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
- Each player is responsible for all decisions in his/her half of the court. He/she should be completely honest on all 'calls' but, if in doubt, he/she should give his/her opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. You should not play a let.
- In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should call the service line for him/her, with the receiver calling the centre and side service lines.
- Any 'out', 'let' or 'fault' call must be made instantaneously (i.e. made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play); otherwise the ball continues in play.
- If you call a ball 'out', and then realise it was good, you should correct your call.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making the line call.
- If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point.
- To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving each point.
- Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponent's side of the court.
- Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practice gamesmanship.
- When ball persons are not available all balls on your side of the net are your responsibility to pick up and where appropriate, return direct to the server.
- The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault – let it go by or ground it.

COMPLETING THE RESULT CARD

A result card for Saturday morning junior comp must be completed after each match. Home teams must supply the result card but visiting teams are responsible for completing their details.

Details required on the result card are:

- Date
- Round number
- Division
- Home team and visiting team (team names and numbers)
- Players' names to be completed for every set played (please use surnames)
- Scores
- Total sets won and games won for both teams
- Both captains to sign the card and ensure details are correct
- Winning team is responsible for submitting the result card in the NSTA depot boxes listed on the bottom of the result card by 5pm Sunday following the match – this includes matches won on a forfeit.
- Home team is responsible for submitting the result card by 5pm Sunday following the match if the match is drawn, unfinished or unplayed due to wet weather
- **NO LATE CARDS** will be accepted after 5pm Sunday of the last round.

NSTA Result Card Depot Boxes are located at:

- DEPOT 1: NSTA Complex, Talus Street, Naremburn
(located on railing to steps in front of Court 1)
- DEPOT 2: Tennis Cove Sports Club, 325A Eastern Valley Way,
Chatswood East (located on the Clubhouse wall)
- DEPOT 3: Kooroora Courts, 5A William Street, Roseville
(located on lattice at Clubhouse end of driveway)
- DEPOT 4: Lane Cove Courts, Central Park, Kenneth Street,
Longueville (located on brick wall adjacent to front
entrance of Clubhouse)

Result cards may be scanned and emailed to sue@nsta.com.au or faxed to the NSTA on 9906 8870 **by 9am on the Monday following the match**

COMMITMENT

By entering the competition, you are making a *COMMITMENT* for the entire duration of the competition, which means you are making a pledge or a promise to present yourself for every match, on time, at the correct venue, ready to play at the set time, and to give your best endeavours at all times. However, you may become injured or ill, or you may have a pre-arranged commitment. It is then your responsibility to either arrange a reserve (who is of a similar playing standard to yourself) or if you are a member of a club, school or coaching organization, to contact the person in charge with sufficient notice for them to arrange for a reserve to play for you. The NSTA will not accept forfeits and fines will be imposed for forfeited matches. Your intended opponents have set the time aside to play and look forward to their tennis, and it is most disappointing and inconvenient to them and their families when matches are cancelled at the last minute or if players fail to turn up. Not to mention the monetary cost to them which they have paid to play for the entire competition.