

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

Good Sportsmanship Should Prevail at all Times

CODE VIOLATIONS

- 1st offense: Point
- 2nd offense: Game
- 3rd offense: Match Default
- 4th offense: Disqualification from the tournament

AUTOMATIC VIOLATIONS:

1. Unsportsmanlike use of racket.
 - a. Striking court, fence or net. (each time)
 - b. Deliberately dropping or kicking a racket when on the court area.
 - c. Throwing racket in any way.
 - d. Damaging the court. (This could result in immediate disqualification.)
2. Hitting the ball back to opponents or at the net or fence in an unsportsmanlike manner.
3. Using audible profanity. (Anything that sounds like an obscenity or profanity will be treated as such.)
4. Any verbal outburst that could be upsetting to the concentration of other players or offensive to spectators in the area.
5. Repeated failure to call out the score.
6. Coaches talking to during the match other than when the players change sides.

UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

1. Not reporting to the match in a proper uniform. The uniform violation shall be corrected immediately. Penalty assessed will be subject to time violations under the USTA rules.
2. Removing the tennis shirt (appearing with a bare upper body except to change shirt) while in the tennis court area shall lead to a penalty and, if repeated, to disqualification from the event.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT is behavior which is unethical or dishonorable. It includes, but is not limited to, disrespectfully addressing an opponent or official, any flagrant behavior, intentional contact, taunting, criticizing an opponent or an official, or the use of a loud outburst of profanity directed at someone or themselves. This shall apply to all coaches, contestants and other team/school personnel.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will subject the offending player (person) to disqualification. Disqualification may take place on a first offense. (If the behavior is cited on other team or school personnel, the penalty will be applied to the contestant.)

Interpretation

- The Penalty Points given to tennis players during a match are cumulative throughout the entire State Tennis Tournament. A point in the first match becomes game in the next match, etc. The penalties are carried over from the first day to the second and third days of competition.
- A point penalty is scored as though the player had played and lost what would have been the next point.
- A game penalty is scored as though the player had played and lost the game regardless of the score of that particular game at the time of the violation.
- A match penalty imposed during any game of the match means the loss of the match in progress.
- Doubles partners: Penalty points will be assessed individually. The “team” would suffer the consequences of loss of point, game, match or disqualification depending on where the players were in the match, however, only the violating player would receive a code violation, not the non-violating player.
- A penalty imposed between games or prior to the start of a match will apply to the next point or game scheduled to be played.
- The tournament director records all penalty points for all players on an accumulation sheet

Reminder to Spectators: Parents and fans are prohibited from coaching athletes during the State Tournament. Only a school- designated coach is allowed to give advice during State Tournament.

Marshals are to use the following form to record all warnings, penalty points and disqualifications.