

NENTG

This code of conduct aims to

- (1) promote the sportsmanlike conduct of, and,
 - (2) discourage antisocial behaviour of
- all players competing in matches conducted by the North Eastern Night Tennis Group.

Tennis clubs are urged to supervise the behaviour of all players during matches. If infringements of the code below are alleged, clubs should counsel their own players if necessary and report any alleged infringements of visiting players to the NENTG match committee. Any alleged infringements of the code of conduct reported to the match committee shall be referred to the appropriate club. Where the match committee considers a ruling is required of it, the match committee shall be the sole authority in interpreting the code and its ruling shall be final.

Code of Conduct

1. In matches where an umpire is appointed by the agreement of opposing players the umpire's decision shall be final.
2. In matches where no umpire is appointed the players in a set shall be the sole arbiters in any dispute or disagreement arising during the set.
3. If at any time a match is disrupted by a spectator any player engaged in the set disrupted may call a halt to the set until all players in that set agree that the match should continue. The behaviour of a team's supporter(s) shall be considered the responsibility of the team and, where appropriate, that of the club.
4. Physical or verbal abuse of a player, umpire, spectator or club official will not be tolerated. A player shall not direct any audible remark to another player or spectator or any other person present during a match that is in any way offensive to that person.
5. Audible obscenities, obscene gestures or gestures considered offensive to players, spectators, umpires or officials shall not be tolerated.
6. Before or after a set is played, or between points during a set, a player shall not deliberately hit a ball at another player or spectator or any court fixture. At no time during a match should a player intentionally, and with anger, hit, kick or throw a ball out of the court enclosure or across an adjacent court or strike a ball in any way that cannot be considered reasonable as in the course of play.
7. At no time during a match shall a player use a racquet, or any other piece of equipment, to strike any court fixture.
8. Players should at all times treat their opposition with respect and courtesy.
9. A player, when in attendance at a match, shall not at any time behave in a manner that will tarnish the image of the NENTG or that of the game of tennis.