

HONOR CODE OF TENNIS ETHICS

1. The Honor Code of Tennis Ethics is prepared with the philosophy that today's opponent is tomorrow's tennis friend. To assure that end, this code should be used as a guideline during league play.
2. Courtesy: The game of tennis depends upon courtesy and fairness.
3. Conduct:
 - a. The highest type of sportsmanship is expected from each player.
 - b. You must call all balls as if you were a linesman, except that any doubt must be resolved in favor of your opponent.
 - c. It is your obligation to help your opponent make a call when your help is requested.
 - d. It is the server's responsibility to call the score before each point
 - e. Call of "out" and "let" must be made instantly. A delay in making the call implies that the ball was not seen clearly and is therefore good.
 - f. In doubles, if one partner calls the ball "out" and the other partner calls it "good", then it is the opponent's point since doubt has been raised.
 - g. Never try to take advantage of an opponent by serving before they are ready. Your opponent may ask for a "let" if you quick-serve him. However, if she either hits the ball or tries to hit it, she cannot then claim she was not ready.
 - h. You must volunteer honestly against yourself violations such as double-bounce, ball touching your body or clothing, touching the net, and reaching over the net.
 - i. In doubles, there should be no conversation during the course of play other than brief instructions to your partner, such as "mine, out run, bounce it, cross-over, etc."
 - j. Disagreement of Score: If no agreement can be reached then the question should be settled by the toss of a racquet.

This is a social league. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated!