

USTA Eastern Sportsmanship Pledge



Every individual playing a sport has the right to feel **safe & supported**, and should be treated with **respect, kindness and dignity**.

Like tennis legend Billie Jean King says: "pressure is a privilege". And privilege is a resource that can be deployed for the greater good. We pledge to react to pressure and competition with

respect, professionalism, courage and compassion. As parents, it's our job to model **respect, sportsmanship, and self-discipline during matches.** Check on one another and ask, "How are you doing?" "How can I help?"

We pledge to inspire and motivate other generations to be champions on and off the court. We pledge to meet the challenge to be inclusive because tennis is a sport that embraces all players regardless of ability, age, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Tennis is a sport that is built on respect.

Respect for one another, and for the game itself. We are tennis players, competitors, champions, friends and teammates. We are Team Eastern. We are the future.

We will aspire to be champions for tennis.

We will aspire to be champions for each other.