

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

USTA/Midwest Section

ALL SPECTATORS

(INCLUDES PARENTS, COACHES, RELATIVES, FRIENDS, ETC.)

In an effort to promote a more enjoyable and fair experience for all, the following policy is in immediate force and effect and will be diligently and stringently enforced. USTA Midwest has implemented a “ZERO TOLERANCE” policy on improper behavior.

1. Any attempt by a spectator to speak to an official regarding a line call or other ruling during match play will be cause for immediate removal from the playing area and, if warranted, from the premises, for the remainder of the tournament.
2. Any spectator behavior deemed unacceptable towards a player, other spectator, or staff member will be cause for immediate removal from the playing area or the entire premises for the remainder of the tournament. In addition, **the USTA Suspension Point System and Point Penalty System have been updated and now state that a player can be assessed suspension points and/or Code Violations when they, the player, or anyone associated with the player engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.** These changes apply to USTA Regulation IV. and Table 17; Friend at Court 2022: pages 103-117.
3. The Tournament Committee, including the tournament director, referee, and officials, are the SOLE judges regarding unacceptable behavior.

Umpire/Spectator communication, whether it be about a ruling or any other facet of a tennis event, is prohibited while a match is in progress. Being a parent, coach, etc. does not endow special privileges. With the only exception of the right to remove their own child from competition at any time, a parent or coach is merely a spectator.

REMOVAL IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.