



INTERMOUNTAIN

PARENT, SPECTATOR & COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Players are responsible for their entourage

PARENT, SPECTATOR, AND COACH'S PLEDGE:

I promise to:

- Model good sportsmanship to my player and fellow parents, including honesty, integrity, respect, and kindness.
- Be knowledgeable and obey the rules of the game.
- Hold my child accountable for their behavior at ALL times.
- Treat officials, tournament personnel, parents, and players with respect.
- Allow tournament staff to address conflicts and issues that may arise without getting involved.
- Support my child/player whether they win or lose.

YOUR PLAYER:

- Model good sportsmanship to your player and fellow parents – including honesty, integrity, self-control, respect, and kindness. The players learn by your example.
- It is your responsibility to know the rules regarding play. Please refer to the USTA Friend at Court (FAC) for official rules and regulations.
- Cheer on friends and family members by clapping for **BOTH** players when great points are played. Please be respectful to your player's opponent. Applauding an opponent's double fault or unforced error is **always** inappropriate.
- Please hold your player accountable for their behavior on the court. Winning and losing are secondary to giving the best effort and showing good sportsmanship.
- No conversation is allowed between the players on the court and anyone other than an official. Parents, coaches, and spectators may offer encouragement to their player, such as clapping or saying, "Good shot." Advice such as "Move your feet", "Stay focused", or "Settle down", or speaking to your player in any language other than English, may be interpreted as coaching.
- Do not interrupt play to ask or correct the score. It is the player's responsibility to call the lines loudly, so his/her opponent hears the call, and the server to call the score before each point.
- Coaching is **not** allowed during the warm-up, during the match, or during a suspension or interruption of play, except during an authorized rest period. Coaching is **not** permitted when a player takes a medical time-out, a toilet break, or seeks the assistance of an official. If a player accepts coaching at an unauthorized time, the player will be subject to the Point Penalty System.
- Please check in with your tournament director "if and when" coaching is available.

TOURNAMENT STAFF & VOLUNTEERS:

- Event staff, court monitors, officials, and volunteers do their best to make the event a pleasurable experience. Please communicate issues and suggestions in a respectful manner.
- Only the players or an official may make a call during a match. No one else may become involved in making calls or settling disputes. **Only the player may request the help of an official.** Any attempt by a spectator to speak to an official regarding a line call or other ruling during match play may be cause for immediate removal.
- Any spectator behavior deemed unacceptable toward a player, another spectator, or staff member is cause for immediate removal. If the behavior is directed towards a player, either before, during, or after a match, it could result in a suspension of that spectator's right to attend.
- Refusal to adhere to a removal request will trigger immediate enforcement of the Point Penalty System against the player with whom the spectator is associated.
- The referee/acting referee is the sole judge of unacceptable behavior. Removal is not subject to appeal.

THERE IS A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY FOR PHYSICAL OR VERBAL ABUSE.