

Tennis NZ Guidelines for Parents, Coaches, Supporters & Spectators

Parents, Coaches, friends and spectators are part of the “support team” for players. During matches your principal function is to let the players play and enjoy themselves while giving them encouragement in the normal sporting manner.

DO

- Applaud good play and winning shots by both players.
- Keep outside the court area (behind fences and off the court surface).
- Accept the decisions of officials and line calls of players.

DO NOT

- Communicate with players verbally or by signal during a match (including change of ends).
- Call the lines from outside the court – the players call their own lines if an umpire is not officiating.

IF YOU DO

Communicate with the players or interfere in a match in progress this will be dealt with by the tournament officials in the following manner as outlined in the Tennis NZ Code of Conduct.

- 1) You will be warned.
- 2) If the situation continues you will be asked to leave the vicinity of the court and/or venue.
- 3) Failure to comply with the above will result in the Point Penalty system in the Code being applied to the player you support. This may lead to the player's disqualification from the tournament.