

Do You Have Good Tennis Manners?

For Tennis Players

1. It is the server's responsibility to announce the score before each point is played. Calling the score now, will save confusion later.
2. If you are not sure whether your opponent's shot is in, it's in. If a ball hits the line, it's in. If your partner calls it in, it's in. You can't complain about a call on the other side. Karma will eventually rule, so call shots honestly.
3. Even if you are playing badly, try to appear like you are having fun. You will play better with a positive attitude. **Don't be disrespectful** to your partner or opponent by allowing your attitude to ruin his/her fun. (Is this you?)
4. Poor sportsmanship is a sign of poor breeding. Compliment partners and opponents on good shots. Showing frustration or irritation in your own play demoralizes your partner and gives confidence to your opponent. Deal with it - your partner does.
5. Collect balls from your side and bounce them over to the server. Don't make the server chase the balls. Hand the balls to the opposing team or place them on the tray. Never hit them to the back of the court. (RUDE) If possible, don't return a serve that is out. (Surely, this isn't you)
6. Congratulate your opponents and, regardless of who won, shake their hands and thank them for a good match. If you are a sore loser, try not to look like one. **FOOL EVERYONE!!!**

7. Learning to win with class and humility and losing gracefully show strength of character and the wisdom of your age. **Be a class act!**

8. Have fun, be a joy to play with and respect your partner and opponent. You will have more invites to play with others. Be popular.....play with good manners.

Good Manners for Spectators

1. Spectators have responsibilities, too. Don't yell out the players' names to get their attention and **stay out of line calls**. Let the scorekeepers and players do their jobs; they don't need your help. (Could this be you?)
2. Cheering when an opponent double faults or makes a bad shot is in poor taste. (just don't let them hear you) Great shots, no matter which side has made them, deserve congratulations.
3. **Never** walk onto a court during a point. If you must walk on the court, wait until a point or game is over and only with the permission of the players.
4. Socializing is great and one of the reasons you come to the court, but be respectful of the players by keeping your fun and enthusiasm under control. Lower the volume.
5. After the match, don't feel your suggestions on my play will be welcomed. I will ask if I want your advice. (I'm a bit touchy after losing)