



A.L.T.C.'s Tennis Code for Club Players.

- ❑ Wear suitable sports kit. Trainers must be designed for tennis courts.
- ❑ Unlock the gate to your court before play.
- ❑ NEVER walk across a court or behind the players (e.g. to retrieve a ball) when a point is in progress.
- ❑ Do not walk down the outside of a court, through the small gate or behind the players whilst a point is in progress.
- ❑ Wait until the end of the point before interrupting anyone on court.
- ❑ Do not enter the back gate of the court until the point is finished.
- ❑ Encourage spectators to remain quiet during play and not influence line calls or the score.
- ❑ Share tennis balls fairly with other courts.
- ❑ Try not to return a serve if it is well out.
- ❑ Return balls to the serving end in the correct manner.
- ❑ Ensure all spare balls are clear of the playing area.
- ❑ The server should call the game score clearly at each point.
- ❑ All players should keep the score in games.
- ❑ The player(s) at the receiving end must make line decisions on their side of the court. **The ball is IN unless it is clearly seen to be out.** If the receivers cannot decide and offer the decision to their opponents they **MUST** accept their opponents decision.
- ❑ 'Lets' are **only** played for serves that touch the net and fall in, and for any occasional interruptions not caused by the players, e.g. a ball from another court interfering with play.
- ❑ Ensure all language is appropriate. Set good standards for junior players.
- ❑ At the end of the game, shake hands and say thank you and / or well played.
- ❑ At the end of play, collect all the balls and lock all the gates, returning any keys to their correct place. If using the indoor centre, ensure the fans are switched off.
- ❑ Make sure that the clubhouse is tidy.