

# Tennis Parents

## Code of Conduct

A simple guideline to help parents enjoy watching their athlete play tennis:

Scoring:

1. A tennis match is comprised of games and sets
  - a. A game is scored Love (0), 15 (1), 30 (2), 40???(3), Game (4)..... but you have to win by 2
    - i. A tied game of 40-40 is called “Deuce”
    - ii. When the server is up one point over “40” the score is “Ad-In”.
    - iii. When the receiver is up one point over “40” the score is “Ad-Out”.
  - b. A set is first player to win 6 games or if it 6-6, then a 7-point tie-breaker will decide the Set.
  - c. A match is the best of 3 sets or winning 2 sets.
2. Players will call out the score at every point, but most likely you will not hear the score.
3. Players will change the game score cards after every odd numbered game. This is also their opportunity for a 60 second break.

## Officiating:

1. Tennis players are their own officials
  - a. Whatever side the ball is on, that player is the one who has to make the call.
  - b. If a player is not sure of the call the call goes in favor of your opponent.
  - c. If a player thinks their opponent made an incorrect call they should point out that the call may have been an error.
  - d. If a player gives 2 official warnings (They must say, "This is a Warning") then on the third occurrence of bad call the players can call over a coach to act as a judge.
2. Parents cannot contest a call. This action can result in your player losing a point.
3. Rules are online at the USTA website.

## Coaching:

1. Only one certified coach can talk to a player, at a time.
  - a. Coaching can only happen during odd sets, starting with the 3rd game of a set.
  - b. Coaches have 90 seconds to talk after a set.
2. No one else can give a player advice other than the certified coach.
  - a. For Shawano, that would be Coach Bob or Coach Zoll.
  - b. If a parent gives advice during a match the player could lose a point or forfeit the match.
3. Players are responsible for being able to adapt and problem solve during a match.
  - a. Players are only as good as the player they are on that day.
  - b. Sometimes things can't be fixed.
  - c. Sometimes players have to only use what works not what looks neat.
4. Need more water... ask a coach or another player.
5. Coaches can say nice things:
  - a. "Good Hustle!"
  - b. "Keep playing hard!"
  - c. "Great Shot!"

## Cheering:

1. Compliment your athlete about the good things they do during a match!
  - a. “Good Hustle!”
  - b. “Great Shot!”
  - c. “What a rally!”
  - d. “Way to work!”
  - e. Or anything else that is up-beat.
2. Encourage your athlete when the other player wins a point.
  - a. “Keep up the hard work!”
  - b. “You got this!”
  - c. “Stay positive!”
  - d. “We Believe!”
  - e. Or anything else that is up-lifting.
3. Be quiet when you disagree or don’t like something.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
4. When the match is over, regardless of winning or losing, listen to your athlete first and then encourage your athlete moving to the next opportunity.
  - a. Wait for your athlete to come to you.
  - b. Tell them the good things they did.
  - c. Minimize any complaints.
  - d. Show that you believe in them.