

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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### POLICY STATEMENT

By making sure the rules, coaches, officials and opponents are respected at all time Tennis BC gives all participants and equal chance to develop and test their skills.

### DEFINITION

Integrity, fairness and respect are the principles of fair play

- Respect the rules
- Respect the officials and their decisions
- Respect your opponent
- Give everyone an equal chance to participate
- Maintain your self control at all times

### PARTICIPANTS

- Athletes are encouraged to follow the principles of Fair Play
- Coaches are instructed to teach the principles of Fair Play
- Officials are asked to ensure the principles of Fair Play are followed
- Spectators are encouraged to allow the athlete, coach and official to follow the principles of fair play

### FAIR PLAY CODE FOR ORGANIZERS

- I will do my best to see that all children are given the same chance to participate, regardless of gender, ability, ethnic background or race.
- I will remember that play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective
- I will distribute the fair play code to spectators, coaches, athletes, officials, parents and media
- I will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily and entertainment for the spectators
- I will make sure that coaches and officials are capable of promoting fair play as well as the development of good technical skills, and I will encourage them to become certified.

- I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes ages and abilities
- I will make sure that the age and maturity level of the children are considered in the program

#### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR ATHLETES**

- I will participate because I want to, not just because parents and coaches want me to
- I will remember that winning isn't everything, that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important
- I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game
- I will acknowledge all good plays and performance, those of my team and of my opponent
- I will control my temper, fighting and mouthing off can spoil the activity for everybody
- I will respect my opponents
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect

#### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR PARENTS**

- I will not force my child to participate in sports
- I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- I will never question the official's judgement or honesty in public
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities
- I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches who give their time to provide sporting activities for my child

#### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR SPECTATORS**

- I will remember that children play sport for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will respect the official's decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations.
- I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express any disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.

- I will never ridicule an athlete for make a mistake during a competition.
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

#### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR COACHES**

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- I will not ridicule or yell at athletes for making mistakes or for performing badly.
- I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- I will remember that children need a coach they can respect.
- I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.

#### **FAIR PLAY CODE FOR OFFICIALS**

- I will make sure that every athlete has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of athletes.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any athlete, either by word or by action.
- I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward myself, other officials, athletes or spectators.
- I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual athlete.
- I accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- I will be open to discussion and contact with the athletes before and after the game.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.