

## **SPECTATOR PERSONAL CONDUCT POLICY 2014**

As a spectator of a participant in USTA-sanctioned tennis tournament in the Utah District, you are under a “duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsman ship.” USTA Regulation IV.C(1).

In addition, you are “under an obligation to avoid acts that may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis.” USTA Regulation IV.C(1).

In all Utah District tennis tournaments, the following acts are prohibited before, during, and after each match, engagement in such actions, will be subject to the penalties listed below.

1. Addressing an opponent in a negative manner, including any references to the opponent’s line calls, behavior, or anything else.
2. Addressing the parent or other representative of a junior opponent, or an adult players spectator, in a negative manner.
3. Addressing an official, tournament director or tournament representative in a negative manner.
4. Coaching during a match except as permitted by the USTA Rules.
5. Otherwise engaging in any abusive conduct that is detrimental to the game of tennis.

Engaging in any of these prohibited acts, will cause a grievance to be submitted to the UTA Grievance Committee for review and spectator will be subject to the following ‘MINIMUM’ penalties:

1. First Offense: Banned from attending the next Utah District Sanctioned Event the player you were watching enters (this could be extended to include leagues and or tournaments entered by additional family member players).
2. Second Offense: Banned from attending the next three Utah District Sanctioned Events the player you were watching enters (this could be extended to include leagues and or tournaments entered by additional family member players).
3. Third Offense: Banned from attending any Utah District Sanctioned Events for a calendar year from the date of the Third Offense.

In addition, the following acts are prohibited for players and spectators:

1. Visible or audible profanity or obscenity.
2. Abuse of racquet, balls, or equipment.
3. Verbal abuse of a player or official.
4. Receipt of coaching.
5. Failure to follow the instructions of an official.
6. Any other conduct that is abusive or detrimental to the game of tennis.

For additional information Friend at Court can be found online at:-

[http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2013\\_Friend\\_at\\_Court.pdf](http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/2013_Friend_at_Court.pdf)