

USTA Georgia

Player Conduct Agreement

In recognition of the support by the USTA Georgia to competitions such as the USTA Junior Team Tennis State Championships, certain behavior is expected. Players at the State Championship level become role models for other players and athletes. We expect the highest level of sportsmanship and exemplary behavior both on and off the court. Each player shall abide by the following rules of conduct while at the USTA Junior Team Tennis State Championships:

1. If you have any doubt as to whether a ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good.
2. It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of a first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
3. Any "out" or "let" call must be made instantaneously; otherwise the ball continues in play.
4. **Do not** enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
5. If you call a ball out and then realize it was good, you should correct your call.
6. To avoid controversy over the score, the Server should announce the set score before starting a game and the game score prior to serving each point.
7. If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point, or they may spin a racket.
8. Do not stall, sulk, complain, or practice gamesmanship.
9. Wait until the players on another court have completed a point before retrieving or returning a ball.
10. From the beginning of the match, play must be continuous. Attempts to stall or to extend rest periods for the purpose of recovering from a loss of physical condition are clearly illegal.
11. Intentional distractions that interfere with your opponent's concentration or effort to play the ball are against the rules.
12. Players are expected to put forth a full and honest effort regardless of the score or expected outcome.
13. Players are expected to maintain full control over their emotions and the resulting behavior throughout the match. If you begin to lose your composure during play, try the following:
 - a. Take several deep breaths, exhale as slowly as possible and feel your muscles relax
 - b. Concentrate on your own game and behavior while ignoring distractions from your opponent or surroundings.
 - c. Be your own best friend – enjoy your good shots and forget the poor ones.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules of conduct may result in notification of parents, coaches and USTA Georgia. If conduct is deemed unacceptable by the Tournament Director dismissal from the event may occur.

By signing below, I _____, as team captain, agree to uphold and support the guidelines and expectations of the USTA Georgia Player Conduct Agreement. I have informed my players of the above rules of conduct and expectations.

Team Captain Signature

Team Name/Age/Division/Flight

Please return this signed form at the registration desk.