



TENNIS

Player and Parent Sportsmanship Agreement for Team Idaho Tennis encourage fair play and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is the ability to play by the rules to win without gloating, to lose without complaining and to treat your opponent with respect.

Player Agreement:

1. Courtesy begins in your relationship with the tournament committee; be friendly to desk personnel.
2. After the match, the winner should always report the score and return the balls promptly. Do not leave the Tournament Desk area until you know when your next match is scheduled.
3. Be courteous to your umpire. The umpire's word is final in the conduct of a match. After the match, it is always courteous to thank the umpire for his/her services and to shake his/her hand.
4. Be courteous to your opponent. If you do not know your opponent, introduce yourself. At the conclusion of the match, shake hands and if your opponent has won, offer him/her your congratulations.
5. If you do not have an umpire, then you must take on the job of linesperson, as well a player. You must call all balls as you would if you were a linesperson and not the player. Any doubt must be resolved in favor of your opponent.
6. When you call your own lines, your obligation is to call all balls on your side of the net, and to help your opponent if he/she so requests. You may call against yourself any ball that you clearly see out on the opponent's side, whether he/she has asked your opinion or not (except on the service call).
7. Tennis is fun! Enjoy each match you are involved in.
8. Remain calm when you make mistakes. Remember you are playing tennis to improve, but also to have fun!
9. Make friends with your opponents. Remember you will be playing each other a number of times in junior tennis.
10. Remember, winning is not everything. It is how you play the game!

Parent Agreement:

1. I agree to make Tennis fun for my child/children.
2. I promise to treat officials and tournament personnel with respect. If I have a problem with an official's action, I will communicate with that individual, and not become angered by the situation.
3. I promise to praise my child for his/her effort.
4. I promise that during my child's match I will not coach, call lines or the score, applaud mistakes of my child's opponent, berate my child's opponent, his/her parents, their lines calls, or act in any capacity that is the responsibility of the players and/or roving umpire or tournament director.
5. I promise to remind myself that this is a game.
6. I promise not to lecture my child regarding mistakes.
7. I promise to interfere when my child displays unsportsmanlike conduct, such as throwing their racquet, cursing, screaming or yelling, or making insulting or abusive comments or gestures toward an opponent, official, or spectator.
8. I promise to contact an umpire or tournament official if there is a problem between spectators, parents, or parents and players, which involves coaching or abusive comments.
9. I will work not to use "We" when referring to my child's involvement in Tennis.
10. My child is playing for himself or herself, not because I want them to.

Required (PLAYER)

I have read the Sportsmanship rules and agree to abide by the agreement.

Initial Here:

Required (PARENT/S)

I have read the Sportsmanship rules and agree to abide by the agreement.

Initial Here:

Player Name: _____