

COURT ETIQUETTE at STC

- **WAIT YOUR TURN** Wait until your allotted booking time. Let players on court finish their game before walking onto the court.
- **DECISIONS** To decide who will serve first, spin a racquet. The player who wins the toss may choose to serve, receive, pick which end of the court they would like or even make their opponent choose.
- **SERVICE** Before you serve, make sure that your opponent is ready to receive.
- **RETURNING SERVICE** If your opponent serves a first serve fault do not return the ball unless the call was very close.
- **WALK WITH CARE** Please wait until a point has finished before walking behind or retrieving a ball from an adjacent court.
- **LINE CALLING** Make line calls clearly and promptly and give your opponent the benefit of the doubt if you are unsure. Line calls should only be made at a player's end of the court and not for your opponent's end.
- **SCORING** If you are serving, call out the score loudly and clearly to avoid confusion during a game. All players on a court should ensure that the server has two balls at their end of the court.
- **DO THE RIGHT THING** Apologise if you win a lucky point or accidentally hit your opponent with a ball.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** Tap rackets/shake hands and congratulate your opponent at the end of the match.
- **SAFETY** Always keep your court clear of balls between serves. If you step on a ball during play it could be dangerous. Keep tennis balls in your hand, in a pocket, in a ball clipper or at the back of the court against the fencing.
- **CLOTHING** Appropriate attire must be worn on court: shirts must be worn at all times, tennis shoes only to be worn to avoid footwear damage to the courts and definitely no jeans.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT NOT CRITICISM** Do not criticise your partner or opponent, be positive and offer encouragement instead.

GENERAL POINTS

- Collect all balls after playing and leave the courts in a safe and tidy condition. Dispose of any rubbish in the bins provided on court.
- **Close the gates** when you enter or leave the courts.
- When you are ready to play, put racquet covers, ball cans, jackets etc at the back of the court.
- Swearing or disrespectful language is not acceptable.