

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS, COACHES, SUPPORTERS AND SPECTATORS

Parents, Coaches, friends and spectators are part of the "support team" for junior players. During matches your principal function is to let players play and enjoy themselves while giving them encouragement in the normal sporting manner.

Here are some "do's" and "don'ts" for the "support team".

DO

- Applaud good play and winning shots by both players.
- Keep outside the court area (behind fences and off the court surface)
- Accept the decisions of officials and line calls of players.

DO NOT

- Communicate with players verbally or by signal during a match (including end changes).
- Call the lines from outside the court – the players call their own lines.

BEGINNERS GRADES

- One parent may accompany the umpire to help with SCORING ONLY. They must not call the lines or in any way interfere with the players line calling.
- Parents may adjudicate ONLY when an extra court is available and by mutual agreement of both teams, they follow the adjudication rules outlined.

ADJUDICATING – JUNIOR INTERCLUB

Procedures when another player is umpiring.

The adjudicator is responsible for:-

- Calling and keeping the score.
- Calling all lets.
- Adjudicating when players cannot agree on a call.

Each Player is responsible for:-

- Calling the ball on their side of the net.
- Making their call
 - a) Instantaneously.
 - b) In a way that stops play and is obvious to the adjudicator and opposing player.
- Correcting themselves if they make a mistake in which case the point is awarded to their opponent.
- If a player is unsure of his / her call, the ball is to be called good.
- No call also means that the ball has been called good.

Querying Calls

- The adjudicator ONLY gets involved when there is a disputed call. If they see a wrong

call during play they are to do nothing, and allow play to continue.

- A player can only question a line call on the opposite side of the net (i.e. cannot look to the adjudicator to confirm his / her own calls). Any questioning of a call is to be done instantaneously to the adjudicator.

Adjudicator's Decisions

- When asked the adjudicator will immediately make a decision either confirming the call or overruling it.
- If overruling, the point is awarded against the player who makes the call.
- If the adjudicator is unsure or unsighted (blocked from viewing) the original call stands.
- The adjudicator's decision is final. All must accept the decision made.

UMPIRING

Teams may by mutual agreement have players fully adjudicate Junior Interclub Matches. Should there not be mutual agreement the Rules and Guidelines apply.