

ALLEN PARK TENNIS CLUB - Tennis Etiquette

- **Social Play** - Be aware of the varying playing abilities in your group and try to ensure social play is participated in equally and enjoyed by all.

- **Access to courts** - When matches are in play, please access other courts by using the perimeter gates on the North (Park) side or the South(Clement Rd) side. Please avoid walking inside perimeter fences when matches are in play, unless this is the only through access available e.g. Western-most hard courts and some lower (East) grass courts. In this case, wait until there is a suitable break in play or until the players call you through, before proceeding to your court.

- **Rules and scoring** - Ensure you familiarise yourself with the basic rules and scoring of tennis. If unsure of any aspect, feel free to ask one of our very approachable captains for guidance.

- **Fault serves** - Make every effort to avoid returning first serve faults to the opposing side of the net.

- **Returning balls to server** - At the end of each point or game, please return the balls to the server by rolling the balls under the net, one at a time.

- **"Ball on court"** - When a ball from another court enters your court during play or a player from an adjacent court accidentally interferes with play, any player may call "Ball on court!" where upon play is stopped immediately and the point is replayed from the first serve. If no call is made, the point in play is completed as in usual play.

If a ball from your court enters another court or is hit behind another court, wait until the point on that court is completed before retrieving your ball.

- **Behaviour** - The following behaviour will not be tolerated:

Audible expletives

Personal abuse, both verbal and physical

Abuse of and damage to personal and club equipment

- **Tennis shoes** - Please wear only recognised tennis footwear especially on grass courts as the grass surface can be damaged by deeply rippled shoes e.g. cross trainers and some running shoes.

- **End of day's play** - At the end of play for the day on your court, please partially lower the net to release net tension and return balls to the ball box at the clubrooms. Please also lock any external gate locks when leaving the courts.

Thankyou - APTC Committee

