

Sonoma Napa Marin Women's Tennis League

## Honor Code of Ethics

### COURTESY

- a. The game of tennis depends upon courtesy and fairness
- b. Hosting teams are to provide pleasant, friendly conditions for their opponents.
- c. Guest teams to be courteous and friendly, appreciative of their hosts' efforts.

### SPECTATORS, COACHES AND CHILDREN

- a. Spectators are not permitted on the court at any time. NO children and no pets are allowed at matches, period.
- b. Cell phones OFF!
- c. Spectators or coaches may not advise on line calls, scoring or conduct of a match.
- d. Coaching is only allowed during the break between the 2nd and 3rd sets. Absolutely no coaching will be permitted during play.

### CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

- a. The highest type of sportsmanship is expected from every player.
- b. Call balls as if you were a linesman, any doubt must be in favor of opponent.
- c. Help your opponent make a call when your help is requested.
- d. Do not enlist the aid of a spectator in making calls.
- e. It is the server's responsibility to call the score before each point.
- f. "Out" and "let" calls must be made instantly. Delay implies doubt, and in doubt, the ball is good.
- g. In doubles, if one partner calls a ball out, and one calls it good, the ball is good.
- h. No quick serving. Opponents may ask for a "let" if you quick serve. However, if your opponent hits the ball or tries to hit it, they cannot claim they weren't ready.
- i. Violations of double bounces, ball touching body or clothing, touching the net or reaching over before the ball crosses the net, must be volunteered on yourself.
- j. USTA specifically prohibits the following:
  1. Loud, abusive profane language, racquet throwing or slamming of balls.
  2. Stalling. There will be no continuous strolling to the net to use towels, get water, or rest between points.
  3. Coaching or outside distractions.
  4. Cheating. Golden Rule of Tennis-every player to call balls on their side of court as they would want them called on the other side.
  5. Intentional waving of racquet or arms, or making distracting noises.
  6. Foot Faults. A person who knowingly foot faults is taking advantage of their opponent and cheating.