

COACHING/MONITORING GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Beginner Levels: 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U + 18U

- 1) Team Managers (Captain/Coach) may assign a parent monitor per match to help with spinning racket to begin match, score keeping, court position, service rotation, proper tennis etiquette, with emphasis on sportsmanship.
- 2) Court Monitors (if needed):
 - a. One designated person per court to serve as court monitor (ideally, parents should not monitor their own child's court).
 - b. Help players keep up with the score if needed. Please remind them if they forget.
 - c. Players should call their own lines. If there are many incorrect or bad calls by a player, please notify the team manager so they may speak to their player.
 - d. Parents should not help with technique or any skill related instruction during a match.
 - e. It is acceptable for the team manager to help with the tiebreak in all age groups in beginner divisions. In the other groups, if requested by a player, team manager may explain the tiebreak once prior to play to the involved players.

Intermediate + Advanced levels: 8U, 10U

- 1) **Team Managers** are allowed to coach/instruct their players during changeovers only. There is to be no coaching during tie-breakers. If requested by a player, team manager may explain the tiebreak once prior to play to the involved players.
- 2) **Parents:** If you see that a court is having problems with line calls, keeping score, or any other issues, please do not interfere, notify your team manager, and they can monitor the court (or designate).
- 3) **Court Monitors** if needed:
 - a. Parents can serve as court monitors (ideally parents should not monitor their own child's court).
 - b. Guide players (if needed) on how to spin racket to begin the match.
 - c. Help players keep up with the score. Please remind them if they forget.
 - d. Players will call their own lines. Most kids do not intentionally cheat. Do not over-rule a player's call. If there are many bad calls by a player, notify the team manager so they may speak to their player.
 - e. Parents are not to help with technique or any skill related instruction during a match.

Intermediate + Advanced levels: 12U, 14U + 18U

- 1) **Team managers** are allowed to coach/instruct their players during changeovers only. There is to be no coaching during tie-breakers. Only one "coach" may be designated per team match.
- 2) **Parents:** If you see that a court is having problems with line calls, keeping score, or any other issues, **please do not interfere**, notify your manager, and they can monitor that court. In case of repeated controversy in regards to line calls team managers may be used as line judges if necessary.
- 3) There are to be no parent monitors for the older intermediate and advanced divisions.

SPECTATORS: Spectators need to be outside of the fence / off-court during matches; spectators may not offer advice on line calls, scoring or telling players where to serve/receive. Support your children but from afar. Tennis is great sport that can teach kids a lot about self-worth, confidence and integrity. Let them learn while on the court then discuss the matches with them after they have finished playing. It is exciting to see what they learn from match to match. Support all players on both teams, not just your own child. Both teams are responsible for controlling spectators' conduct during match. Junior Team Tennis is about promoting collaboration as a team, and maximizing the fun and love of the game for all players. "Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome" ~ Arthur Ashe