



CODE OF CONDUCT - PARENTS

Parents who are concerned about their child's development should take an interest in their child's well-being and be aware of the educational values of tennis. They must therefore ensure that the practice of the sport is seen as an educational tool and as a means of expression, allowing their child to gain from its beneficial effects. In order to fulfill their duties, parents must adopt the following behaviours:

- a. Show respect towards coaches, directors, organisers, volunteers, opponents and officials;
- b. Always adopt a good conduct and use appropriate language;
- c. Avoid any verbal violence towards participants and support all efforts in this regard;
- d. Never forget that their child plays tennis for their own enjoyment rather than for the parents' pleasure;
- e. Encourage their child to respect the sportsmanship charter, the rules of the game or the internal rules of their team or program;
- f. Recognise the good performances of their child as well as those of their opponents;
- g. Help their child in improving their skills and developing sportsmanship and camaraderie;
- h. Teach their child that an honest effort is as valuable as victory;
- i. Judge objectively their child's potential and avoid making projections;
- j. Help their child to choose one or many activities according to their taste;
- k. Never ridicule a child because of errors committed or having lost a match;
- l. Encourage their child, through example, to respect the rules and to resolve conflicts without aggressiveness or violence;
- m. Read the guidelines available at www.sportbienetre.ca;
- n. Use social networks, Internet and other electronic media in an ethical and respectful manner when relating to colleagues, coaches, organisers, and not use them to provoke an opponent or another person;
- o. Ensure that everyone is treated with respect and fairness.

PLAYERS' ENTOURAGE – SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

Following repeated incidents linked to the behaviors of the players' entourage during sanctioned tournaments, Tennis Québec wants to also remind you of the following: As a rule during tournaments, the players are deemed responsible for the behaviors of their entourage and any form of inappropriate actions on their part.

Accordingly, a player can be penalised for unsportsmanlike words or gestures from their entourage.

DURING A MATCH

The inappropriate behavior by members of the entourage can lead to sanctions being imposed on the player on the court, according to the Code of conduct (warning, point penalty, game penalty, imminent disqualification).

For serious cases, the Tennis Québec official and the tournament director can require the eviction of the member of the entourage from a match or the entire tournament. In case of a refusal, the player will be immediately disqualified.

DURING THE TOURNAMENT (before/after the match)

During the entirety of the tournament, meaning before and after matches, any unsportsmanlike or derogatory behaviors from members of the entourage of a player (family, friends) directed at other players, spectators or members of the organising team can result in demerit points being imposed on the player.