



Tennis Etiquette

Bendigo Tennis Association

It is important that all players conduct themselves in a way in which all participants can enjoy their tennis whilst still striving and competing to win each match. In addition to the [BTA By-Laws](#), the following list provides a reminder to players of some simple actions that are required when playing tennis in all competitions:

- All standard rules of tennis and code of conduct always apply.
- To decide who will serve first, toss a coin or spin a racquet. The person who wins the toss may choose to serve, receive, pick which end of the court they would like or even make their opponent choose.
- Before you serve, make sure your opponent is ready to receive.
- Line calls must be made fairly and must be audible - if there isn't a clear gap between the ball and the line, it's in!
- There is no such thing as 'play 2' for close line calls. If a player is unsure about a line call, it's in!
- A player must not touch/catch a ball before it has landed - where it occurs, the player automatically loses the point, and it is awarded to the opposition.
- The score should be called out after each point - typically by the server, but anyone can do it.
- Foot faulting is cheating! A player who is advised of foot-faulting must take action to remedy the cause and to serve fairly.
- It is often difficult to return balls to opponents under the nets at BRTC due to them being full length - balls should therefore be gently and respectfully returned to players over the net.
- For safety, gently hit any "dead" balls on your court to the back fence.
- Don't walk behind another court during a point, across someone else's court while they're in the middle of a game or interrupt a point on another court to retrieve a ball.
- Play the game in the correct spirit and be respectful of your opponent/s.
- Racquet and verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Upon completion of the match, the scorecard must be completed and signed by both team captains and then submitted to the tournament box/office (if unattended, return to café) along with all balls issued for the match.

Thank you for continuing to make BTA pennant competitions enjoyable for all participants.

Regards,
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