

# **BENDIGO TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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The following codes as endorsed by the Bendigo Tennis Association will be adhered to and any breaches recorded in the incident register for follow up as required.

### **Player code of conduct:**

1. Play by the rules – be a good sport and positive team player.
2. Do not argue with an official. If you disagree with a decision, have your captain approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
4. Players must maintain control of their temper at all times.
5. Treat all participants as you like to be treated.
6. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
7. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.

### **Spectator code of conduct:**

1. Remember that people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit.
2. Spectators are encouraged to appreciate good performances and efforts from individuals and teams.
3. Respect the decision of officials and encourage players to do likewise.
4. The Bendigo Tennis Association strongly condemns the use of violence in any form.
5. Harassment, sledging and inappropriate language is unacceptable behaviour.
6. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Coaches code of conduct:**

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of tennis and teach your players to do the same.
2. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport of tennis.

3. Any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
4. Play by the rules – be a good sport and provide positive team guidance.
5. Do not argue with an official. If you disagree with a decision, approach the official during a break or after the competition for a respectful discussion.
6. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
7. Refrain from any form of personal abuse or harassment towards any player.
8. Coaches must maintain control of their temper at all times.
9. Treat all participants as you like to be treated.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
11. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
12. Be a positive role model

**Sports Official code of conduct:**

1. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
2. Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
3. Be impartial.
4. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
5. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
6. Value the individual in sport.
7. Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
8. Encourage inclusively and access to all areas of officiating.
9. Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
10. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes.
11. Refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards athletes.
12. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.

### **Administrator code of conduct:**

1. Administrators set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
2. Create pathways for participants in tennis, not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
3. Ensure that the rules, equipment, length of matches and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
4. Remember that people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit so always look for new ways to make it interesting and fun.
5. Administrators are encouraged to appreciate good performances and efforts from individuals and teams.
6. Respect the decision of officials and encourage players to do likewise.
7. The Bendigo Tennis Association strongly condemns the use of violence in any form.
8. Harassment, sledging and inappropriate language is unacceptable behaviour.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Media code of conduct:**

1. The Bendigo Tennis Association will work with all forms of media to provide a positive and proactive relationship beneficial to all.
2. Provide a balanced coverage of all aspects of tennis within the Bendigo Tennis Association.
3. Positive media coverage is always desirable. It is inappropriate to highlight isolated incidents of inappropriate sporting behaviour.
4. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.