



TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Start well

- Enter your court by walking behind the curtains on the north side of the Boylan Tennis Center.
- Do not walk behind a court while others are playing a point.
- Be on court and ready to hit when your match is scheduled.
- Turn your cell phone off.
- Take up to 20 minutes to warm up yourself and your opponent(s) by cooperatively hitting groundstrokes, volleys, overheads and serves.

Determine who serves first

- Similar to a coin toss, one player spins their racquet while the other player calls **UP** or **DOWN**. Those with a Wilson racquet, for example, would say **M** or **W**.
- The winner of the racquet spin may choose to serve or receive the first game, in which case the opponent gets to select end of court on which to start. If the racquet spin winner selects end of court on which to start, the opponent chooses to serve or receive the first game.

Change ends of the court when the score is odd

- Change ends of court after every odd numbered game (1, 3, 5).
- When beginning a new set, change ends if the set score equalled an odd number of games. For example, set scores of 6-1 or 6-3.

Get a drink when the score is odd

- Leave your water or sports drink by the net post. Get a quick drink only when changing sides after odd numbered games and before beginning a new set.

When in doubt, call balls in

- Call balls **IN** or **OUT** only when they are on **YOUR** side of the net.
- If your opponent's shot hits any part of the line on your side, call it **IN**.
- If you are not sure if your opponent's shot landed in or out, call it **IN**.

Retrieve run-away balls

- If your ball rolls on or behind another court, ask someone on that court to return it by saying **BALL PLEASE**. If the ball is off the court & will not hinder the players, let them finish their point.
- If a ball rolls onto your court during play, call a **LET** to stop play so nobody gets hurt.
- After returning the ball, play the point over. The server gets two new serves.

Announce the score loudly when serving

- Say your own score first. If you win the first point, say **15 LOVE** or **5 LOVE**.
- **LOVE** is the same as **ZERO**.
- **15** is the same as **5**.
- **30-30** is the same as **30 ALL**.
- **DEUCE** is the same as **40-40** or **40 ALL** or **40 DEUCE**.
- **AD IN** means **ADVANTAGE IN**. If you win the next point, you win the game.
- **AD OUT** means **ADVANTAGE OUT**. If you win the next point, it's **DEUCE** again. If you lose the next point, you lose the game.

Enjoy your court time

- If you finish your match early, stay to hit balls or play more games.
- If your doubles teams are poorly matched in skill level, rotate partners to mix it up.

End well

- Never slam your racquet into the net, the curtains or the court.
- Always go to the net after your match to shake hands and say **NICE MATCH**.