

Highmoor Uniting Tennis Club

Code of Conduct

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the rules.
- Do not argue with your opponent.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of other players and spectators, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Be a good sport and be prepared to acknowledge good play whether it is from your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Do not use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability you'll let down yourself, your coach, teammates and family.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.

Match Day Etiquette

- We play for fun at Highmoor.
- The courts are to be bagged after each set.
- The courts are to be watered before a set and the lines should be visible, use the broom to sweep the lines.
- Call the score clearly, e.g. 30-love, 15-all, Deuce. "Match Point", "Set Point" and "Break Point" are not scores and we don't use them.
- Return the ball to the server at the end of the point.
- Accept the line-call from your opponent's side of the net.
- If in dispute, offer to replay the point.

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Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort rather than winning or losing.
- Teach your child that an honest effort is more important than the result and to accept the result without undue disappointment.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Set an example for model behaviour, applaud good play by both teams. Children learn by example.
- No coaching or instructing players during junior matches.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of other players and spectators, deliberately distracting or provoking another person is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Be at your child's match 15-20 minutes before play is due to begin to allow your child warm up and time to prepare the court.
- Ensure that your child attends matches for which they are scheduled to participate in, (health permitting). If an absence is planned, communicate it as early as possible.
- Respect and support decisions made by the club and coaches and instruct your children to do likewise.
- Support all efforts to remove vilification and any behaviour that will degrade the game.
- The player is responsible for behaviour of their entourage.
- No alcohol or drug consumption allowed at junior training or tennis matches. Smoking is banned outdoors within 10 metres of sporting venues during under 18s events.
- Offer your assistance for supervision and support. Your child will enjoy your involvement
- Avoid confrontation, if you are abused or feel threatened by other adults, and then report it immediately to the Club Supervisor.
- Raise any issues through the correct channels: Club Supervisor, and/or Highmoor Uniting Tennis Committee Members.

Failure to Behave Appropriately

Failure to abide by the Player Code of Behaviour or the Parent and Spectator Code of Behaviour will be taken seriously by the Club and the Club reserves the right to exclude any player, parent or spectator from the Club's facilities, to exclude a player from representing the Club and/or to cancel a player's membership of the Club.

For the purposes of Tennis Australia's 'Code of Behaviour', the Junior Coach or their nominee is the "Competition Manager" for junior matches held at Highmoor.