

Tennis Code of Conduct

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Misconduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
♦ Violation of Rule No. 30, taking more than ninety seconds on changeover or taking more than 20 seconds between points	1 point	4 points	Disqualification
♦ Prolonging argument over decision after directed to resume play	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
♦ Failure to commence play after expiration of warm-up minutes	1 point		
 Lateness in being ready			
♦ A player or players who are not ready to play, properly attired, court and opponent available after a match has been called will be penalized	1 game after 5 minutes, 2 games after 10 minutes, defaulted after 15 minutes		
♦ To start a match, after an intermission	1 point per minute or fraction thereof		
♦ To resume play within fifteen minutes of injury (considered a 1 time-out injury)	Disqualification		
NOTE: The time-out for injury should begin once a trainer is available on the court or if the coach or the site director makes the decision on the court.			
Profane or obscene language or gestures			
♦ Directed at no one in particular	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
♦ Directed at an official, opponent, or spectator	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
 Unsportsmanlike acts			
♦ Ball Abuse	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
♦ Intentional racquet dropping	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
♦ Hitting ball or throwing racquet at/near person	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
♦ Intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
 Gross Misconduct			
♦ Trash talking	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
♦ A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct	Disqualification/Ejection		
♦ A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct after the player has completed his/her last match	1 point team deduction		
 Use of an Ineligible Coach			
	1 point team deduction per match		

NOTE: The tournament manager/site director may invoke point penalties in matches where there is no umpire, provided the coach personally observes the misconduct. In addition, it is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools to monitor player conduct. **Any coach who personally observes misconduct may invoke the point penalties, provided they report their action to the tournament manager/site director.** At the time of the 3rd penalty, a competitor will have the right to appeal to the tournament manager. First and second offense penalties shall stand as levied.

Any player who, at the conclusion of the match, exhibits gross misconduct, which includes profane or obscene language or gestures and unsportsmanlike acts, may cause that player's team to be penalized one team point toward the meet championship. Any coach who observes a violation will ask the player to accompany the coach to the tournament manager/site director or Games Committee at the State Final. Both parties explanations of the incident will be heard and a determination will be made as to the penalty imposed. If the player refuses or does not accompany the coach, the penalty will be automatic. The offender's coach will be notified of the infraction and the penalties imposed.

In accordance with By-Law 6.011 and 6.012, any player or coach ejected (not disqualified) from a match will be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.

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