

PINES TENNIS CLUB – EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES for Casual, Club, Gala and Pennant matches



The game of tennis requires player cooperation & courtesy.
Please read & follow these guidelines:

- Always be considerate, polite and show good sportsmanship
- No swearing or abusive behaviour on or off the court
- Apologise if you accidentally hit a player or intimidate someone by hitting forcefully at them
- Similarly, in Gala, consider your opponents grading and ability – do not hit a hard ball directly at a net player
- If you feel unsafe or intimidated at the net, move to the back of the court and explain to the opposition your reason

Before playing / other:

- Ensure new players are aware of the play format – eg in Gala: Pines uses 'sudden death' deuce, with a deuce always serve to your same number position in the opposite team, the winning team of the set is the first team to win 6 games, play is in 3 sets, specific tie-break format etc
- Warm-ups are to be no more than 5 minutes
- While playing, if a ball from another court comes onto your court, call 'Ball on court!' and replay point

Serving:

- Decide who serves first by a spin of a racquet – winner chooses to receive or serve and selects an end to play first game
- Server serves only when everyone is ready to play
- Once a set has begun, teams cannot swap ends
- Server should keep score and call score loudly before each serve
- Minimise the time between points
- Don't return obvious server faults, unless the call is late
- At the conclusion of a point promptly return balls to the server (roll or gently hit)
- In Gala when changing ends, hand the balls over to the next server

Ball line calls:

- Call balls in or out for your end of the court
- Respond fairly to line calls and give the benefit of the doubt
- It is considered rude to question line calls – accept and move on
- When receiving, it is preferable that your doubles partner monitors the serve to detect and call a fault

Before leaving:

- Sweep the courts
- Sweep the clubhouse and leave it tidy
- Wash dishes and glasses, dry and put away
- Stack chairs
- Ensure clubhouse and gate are locked

Enjoy your tennis!