

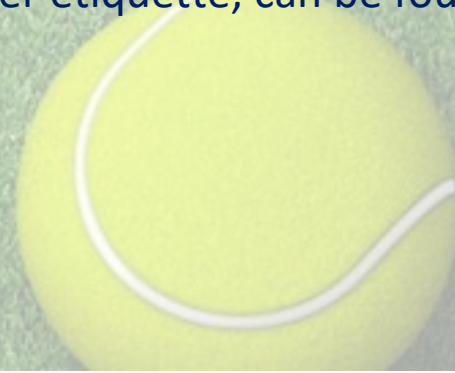


Tennis Etiquette

Of all sports, tennis is famous for its etiquette. While sticking to a bunch of rules about how to behave on a tennis court might sound stuffy and old-fashioned, tennis etiquette actually makes the sport more enjoyable.

Good tennis etiquette won't give you a bigger serve or a more accurate backhand, but it will make you more fun to share a court with.

More information around the rules of tennis, scoring and further etiquette, can be found at [Tennis Australia - rules, scoring, etiquette](#)



Keep your pre-match warm-up brief – the pros stick to five minutes, and so should you.

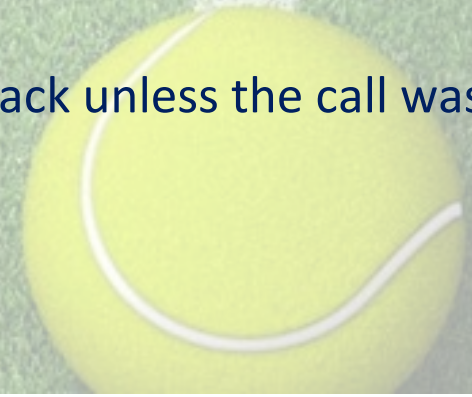
To decide who will serve first, toss a coin or spin a racquet. The person who wins the toss may choose to serve or receive or pick which end of the court they would like.



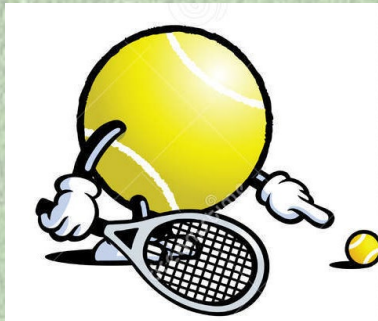
Before you serve, make sure your opponent is ready to receive.

If you are serving, call the score out loudly and clearly before each point.

If your opponent serves a first-serve fault, don't hit a return back unless the call was so close that you had no option but to hit the ball.



Make sure the server always has two balls at their end of the court. When you are returning balls to the server, hit or roll them gently under the net within reach of the server, don't delay play by spraying them around.

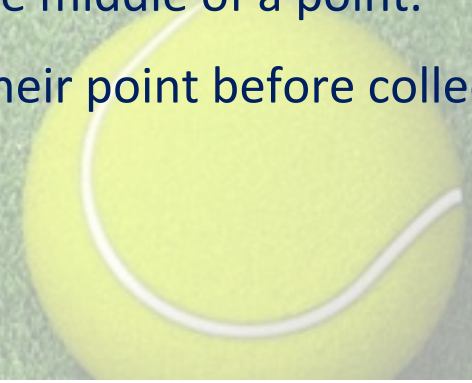


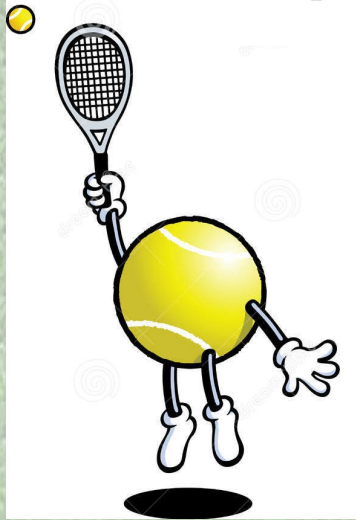
Call in and out honestly and give your opponent the benefit of the doubt if you're unsure.

When changing ends, walk around the net posts, not over or under the net.

Don't walk behind or across another court while they're in the middle of a point.

If your ball goes onto another court, wait for them to finish their point before collecting it.





Apologise if you win a lucky point or if you accidentally hit your opponent with a ball.

Do not display anger or throw your racquet.

Be respectful of your opponent. While it's fine to celebrate your successes do not celebrate opponent's errors.

Shake hands and congratulate your opponent at the end of the match.

