

## Hutt Valley Junior Tennis Player Etiquette

### **Do**

- Be honest with your calls. If unsure the ball must be called in.
- Make sure the ball bounces before calling it in or out.
- Make sure your opponent is ready before serving.
- Call the score so your opponent can hear before the start of the next point if you are the server.
- Leave your racquet on the court if you have to leave for any reason and explain to your opponent why you are leaving. Taking your racquet indicates you are abandoning the match.

### **Do not**

- Hit back serves if serve is obviously out.
- Walk behind a court when a point is in progress.
- Throw your racquet or swear – this is not acceptable behaviour on the tennis court.

You have 20 seconds between the end of one point and the beginning of the next.

You should be ready to serve or receive inside that time. You have a one minute break between the change of ends for a drink and rest.

## Hutt Valley Tennis Supports Fair play

When taking part in tennis always...

- Enjoy yourself, you may not win every time
- Work at achieving your personal best
- Respect your opponents and their supporters
- Play hard but play fair
- Play within the rules
- Be a gracious winner or dignified loser
- Respect the referee and umpires



## Guidelines for Parents, Coaches and Spectators

(From Tennis NZ Rules and Regulations)

Parents, coaches, friends and spectators are part of the 'support team' for players.

During matches your principal function is to let the players play and enjoy themselves while giving them encouragement in the normal sporting manner.

Here are some "do's" and "do not's" for the support team.

### **Do**

- Applaud good play and winning shots by both teams.
- Keep outside the court area (behind fences and off the court surface).
- Accept the decisions of adjudicators and the line calls of players.
- Liaise with the team manager if you feel there is a problem arising on court.

### **Do not**

- Communicate with players verbally or by signal during a match (including change of ends).
- Call the lines from outside the court – the players call their own lines.
- Coach players from the side-lines.

