

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

PLAYERS SHOULD:

- ✓ **Always behave respectfully:** in a way that reflects well on the ITF, your National Association, yourself, the tournament and the game of tennis.
- ✓ **Know and obey the rules** – of the ITF Circuit (including the Code of Conduct and Welfare Policy) and your National Association.
- ✓ **Respect the direction and decisions of tournament officials.**
- ✓ **Behave well in tournament hotels:** keep noise to a minimum and do not disturb fellow competitors or other guests. Do not cause any damage to the hotel or the property of others.
- ✓ **Respect other players' right to privacy in the locker room.** Do not take photos or film other people without their prior consent.
- ✓ **Be careful when using social media.** Do not post negative, abusive or disrespectful comments or pictures about other players, the ITF, your National Association or any tournament officials.
- ✓ **Cooperate with the media.** Recognise the role the media plays in promoting tennis.

PLAYERS SHOULD NOT:

- x **Use performance enhancing drugs (doping).**
- x **Bet on tennis.**
- x **Grunt excessively,** or grunt as a tactic or gamesmanship.
- x **Forget about your education:** continue schooling, and join and graduate from the ITF Junior Tennis School.

It all comes down to one word – **sportsmanship**

“the practice of the ideals of sport, such as fairness, generosity and observance of the rules.”

In addition to the above, do not forget that the ITF Junior Code of Conduct covers your behaviour not only on court but also everywhere connected with the tournament – including on site, on tournament transportation and in the hotel. Violation of the Code of Conduct shall subject a player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments and ITF Junior Team Competitions. In the case of a serious violation the penalty imposed may be extended to include other ITF Circuits.