



## TENNIS PLAYER/COACH/PARENT/SPECTATOR – CONDUCT POLICY

Tennis should be a fun and rewarding experience for children and adults. We should be models of good character by demonstrating respect, hard work, discipline, good sportsmanship, and proper handling of adversity. Parents of young players should also enjoy the time spent with their children and watching them develop not just into better tennis players, but into good citizens.

Regrettably, verbal abuse by some parents, coaches, players, and spectators directed at others is becoming more commonplace. These incidents adversely impact the players' tennis experience and create a negative and distressing atmosphere for everyone. Such abusive and improper conduct shall not be tolerated.

As a preventative measure, we have instituted this form to remind parents and players that **abuse of players, referees, or officials by a parent, relative, coach or other person associated with a player is prohibited and any such abuse may result in the issuance of directives for that person to leave the tennis courts and surrounding area.** Abusive behavior in any form shall not be tolerated. Parents and players are governed by, and should become familiar with USTA's *Friend at Court* and particularly, Part 3 USTA Regulations, Section IV.C. which addresses Standards of Conduct. An excerpt of that Section is provided for reference on the back of this form and a full copy of *Friend at Court* is available online at no charge at <http://www.usta.com>.

We are confident that strict enforcement of the applicable regulations will reduce or eliminate these instances of misconduct and enhance everyone's tennis experience.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RULES REGARDING ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT BY PARENTS AND/OR PLAYERS AS SET FORTH IN "FRIEND AT COURT." I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO HONOR MY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE RULES SET FORTH THEREIN.

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Signature of Player

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Signature of Parent or Guardian (of minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **Friend at Court IV.C**

### **IV.C Standards of Conduct**

#### **IV.C.1. General.**

Players, persons who appear to be associated with a player (including, but not limited to, parents and coaches), officials, and organizers of any tournament are under a duty to encourage and maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play, and good sportsmanship. They are under an obligation to avoid acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis. Such detrimental acts include, but are not limited to, the acts set forth in USTA Regulation IV.C.

#### **IV.C.10. No abuse of players or officials.**

- a) No person shall abuse an official or player. The Chair Umpire, Referee, and any other official responsible for ensuring that a match is played under conditions which are fair to all players shall make certain that no parent, relative, coach, or other person associated with a player abuses an official or player.
- b) Official may request abusive person to desist or leave tournament area. A player who enters a sanctioned tournament or match consents to being penalized under the Point Penalty System for abusive conduct by a person who appears to be associated with the player. If the official observes the conduct, the official shall suspend play and request that the person to leave the tournament area. In a flagrant case the official may immediately direct the person to leave without requesting the person to desist.
- c) Point Penalty System applies to abuse. If the person refuses to follow the instructions to leave, then the official may penalize the player associated with the person under the Point Penalty System. (USTA Regulation IV.D.8. outlines the right to appeal)



### Liability and Medical Release

Please complete this Liability and Medical Release, sign it, have your parent or guardian sign it, and bring the signed form with you to the lesson or event. This form, signed by you and your parent or guardian, must be presented in order to participate in the event. Please use black ink and print clearly.

PLAYER NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, state, zip)

PHONE (primary): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (secondary): \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** We require a signed release covering all participants in our lessons and events. The release must be signed by the player and the parent or guardian of any player who is a minor.

Acceptance of my entry in these events is without assumption or responsibility of any kind by the coaches or management of any lesson or event in which I may be entered or may participate. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby for and on behalf of myself, and my heirs and my legal representatives release and forever discharge the coaches, management, and representatives and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities during the period for which such permission is granted and any period traveling to and from the events described, and all claims are hereby waived and released, and I covenant not to sue therefore.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Player (or Parent/Guardian of minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MEDICAL RELEASE:** I hereby consent to the rendering of emergency first aid and other medical procedures, which at the time of injury or illness seem reasonably advisable. I further understand that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Player (or Parent/Guardian of minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Medical Conditions (allergies, asthma, diabetes, heart, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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