



# ETHICS & RULES FORM

## Policy Statement

It is the mission of the USTA Florida to promote high standards of sportsmanlike and ethical behavior in and around the tennis court. Coaches assume the responsibility to teach and demand high standards of conduct of their athletes both on and off the court.

*Inappropriate behavior from parents, coaches, captains, or players will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: cursing, threats, violence, etc. This is a NO TOLERANCE policy and violation may result in a ban from the league.*

**Penalties** for failure to submit a signed Code of Ethics and serious violations (as determined by USTA Florida Tournament Officials) are:

1. Athlete Ineligibility for participation in Team Tennis
2. Parents Prohibition/Removal from attendance at the event.
3. Coach Restricted from coaching.

### Athlete's Code of Ethics:

1. Be courteous at all times, showing respect for opponents, coaches and spectators.
2. Exercise self-control.
3. Be familiar with all USTA rules (see "The Code") and Local League Rules.
4. Refrain from the use of foul and/or abusive language.

### Parents Code of Ethics:

1. Refrain from getting involved in any match aside from encouraging and cheering.
2. Spectators only from outside of the court (i.e., stay outside the playing area).
3. Contact the coach/captain of any problems.
4. Be courteous at all times, showing respect for self, players, coaches and spectators.
5. Exercise self-control.
6. Know and understand all USTA rules (see "The Code" in Friend at Court) and rules of the event.
7. Refrain from the use of foul and/or abusive language.

### Coaches Code of Ethics:

1. Support each and every one of the above listed points.
2. Promote the winning attitude that character development is NOT secondary to match outcome but is #1!

I have read, understand and accept the policy statement, Code of Ethics. I agree to abide by this policy while participating at a Junior Team Tennis match regardless of the match location.

Print Player's Name	Player's Signature	Date ____/____/____
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Print Parent's Name	Parent's Signature	Date ____/____/____
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Name of Team