

## TENNIS ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY DURING PLAY

### Preparing To Play

1. When entering a court, quietly walk behind the curtain or fence. Never walk on to a court during a point.
2. Place your equipment by the net post.
3. Wear tennis clothes that have pockets and tennis shoes that do not mark the court.
4. Bring only drink containers with lids onto the court.
5. If practicing your serve, request an end court so balls may be served into the corners and not disturb neighboring courts.
6. Leave your court at the scheduled time. Be sure all balls and trash are removed from the court.

### During Play

1. The server should announce the score before the first serve of each point. Announcing the score at 0-0 is not necessary.
2. Make every effort to keep balls from rolling onto neighboring courts.
3. Alert players on the next court if a ball has rolled onto the court and is a potential hazard.
4. Return balls to opponents and neighboring courts with courtesy. When returning a ball be sure the other person is ready to receive it.
5. Never throw, drop or bang your racket on the curtain or court.
6. Do not yell, or create a distraction for others.
7. Do not argue about line calls. The player on the side of the ball is in charge of calling lines on his or her side. If problems arise in a tournament or team match you can request an official
8. Do not play points with balls laying on the court.

### HVTC Expectation Of Our Juniors During Competitive Play

1. Sportsmanship
2. 100% effort whether winning or losing
3. Clearly saying the score and using score cards
4. No screaming, profanity, racket banging or ball abuse
5. Wearing clothes that hold the second ball
6. Politeness to all staff and other players
7. If you sign-up then show-up!