



## **BELMONT PARK TENNIS CLUB**

### **Tennis Court Etiquette**

**A reminder for all players**

#### **ALWAYS show respect and courtesy**

...to your opponent, your partner, and others on or near the courts. Keep your voice down and confined to your court as much as possible so as not to disrupt players on adjacent courts. If you get into a dispute with your opponent, go to the net so you don't disrupt other courts. Respect your racquet and the balls by treating them nicely. Always put racquets down carefully and roll the balls on the court to avoid an accident and save your opponents wasting unnecessary time retrieving the ball.

#### **NEVER walk onto another court during a game**

Wait for the players to finish the game, or at least the point, before walking onto their court. It is very distracting to have someone disrupt a game in progress, so if you must cross another court, do so after the game is finished, and go around the court, not through the middle.

#### **NEVER retrieve your ball from the other court**

It is common courtesy not to disrupt players on court during a match, point or practice. If your ball rolls onto an adjacent court, wait for them to finish the game and kindly get their attention. Under no circumstances should you run over onto their court in the middle of a game to retrieve the ball yourself.

#### **ALWAYS wear proper tennis shoes**

Black-soled shoes leave marks on the courts that are difficult to get off. Make sure you wear tennis shoes or non-marking soles on the courts. The proper shoes also give you important support when running down balls, and making quick changes in direction.

#### **ONLY use the tennis courts for tennis**

A tennis court is for tennis and that is the only reason that you should be using it.

#### **ALWAYS close the gate behind you**

Whether you're coming onto the courts, or leaving, it is common courtesy to close the gate behind you. This will keep the balls inside the confines of the gate and they won't roll outside.

#### **ALWAYS Pick up after yourself**

Don't leave empty drink bottles, food wrappers or old tennis balls out on the court when you leave. Dispose of any garbage you have in the rubbish bins provided. Always remove any tennis balls, you were using, from the courts before leaving.

#### **REMEMBER to have fun!**

The entire objective of playing tennis, aside from being good aerobic exercise, is to have fun. You can follow these rules of etiquette and still have a good time on the courts - players on other courts will appreciate it.