

WAIRARAPA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Junior Interclub

Fact Sheet for Parents, Coaches and Spectators

Welcome to Wairarapa Junior Tennis.

We appreciate the support you provide our young players so that they can learn, develop and enjoy this great game of tennis. We just have a few simple guidelines for spectators that we ask you to follow to ensure the children get the most out of the game.

Your child's Team Manager has all the rules and is responsible for ensuring your child is familiar with them. Feel free to ask for a copy so that you can help your child understand them and stick to them.

Spectator etiquette

Parents, coaches, friends and spectators are part of the 'support team' for players. During matches your principal function is to let the players play and enjoy themselves while giving them encouragement in the normal sporting manner.

Here are some "dos" and "do nots" for the support team.

Do

- Applaud good play and winning shots by both teams.
- Keep outside the court area (behind fences and off the court surface).
- Accept the decisions of adjudicators and the line calls of players.
- Liaise with the team manager if you feel there is a problem arising on court.

Do not

- Communicate with players verbally or by signal during a match (including change of ends).
- Call the lines from outside the court – the players call their own lines.
- Call or provide the score – players are responsible for keeping their own scores. They usually work it out themselves, even if they get lost from time to time. There is an exception for the Advanced B grade when the players are still learning to score. The Team Managers will assist if this is the case.
- Coach players from the side-lines.

If children are not happy with the way scoring or line-calls are going, they may place their racket on the court and go and ask their Team Manager for help. Walking off the court with their racket is considered abandoning the game. However, it is not for spectators to suggest this. The children need to know this in advance.

Thank you again for your support of junior tennis. We hope you enjoy watching our juniors play and appreciate the time that goes into helping them grow and develop in the sport.