

## **Naas LTC Tennis Court Etiquette**

The following rules of etiquette are mostly common courtesy, and should be followed whether you're playing tennis or being a spectator. Most of us know the right thing to do - we just need a gentle reminder every now and then!

### **1). Show respect and courtesy**

To your opponent(s), 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 loud dispute with your opponent, take it off the court and away from other players.

### **2). Do NOT walk onto another court during a game**

Wait for the players to finish the game, or minimally the point, before walking onto or behind 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.

### **3). Do not retrieve your ball from the other court**

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

### **4). 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. This should be taken into consideration with **point 2** also.

### **5). Always wear proper tennis shoes**

This isn't because of proper attire, it's because black-soled shoes leave marks on the courts that are difficult to get off. Make sure you wear tennis shoes onto the courts. The proper shoes also give your feet the needed lateral support when playing, specifically when making abrupt changes in direction.

### **6). Use the tennis courts for tennis**

A great deal of money goes into maintaining tennis courts. If you see activities that can damage the surface, please report to a committee member, or to the duty officer. Remember it is your club!

### **7). Pick up after yourself**

Don't leave empty tennis ball cans, glasses, plastic beakers or old tennis balls out on the court when you leave. Dispose of any rubbish you have in bins provided on or near the court – if there aren't any, take it with you. If you have old tennis balls that you don't want anymore, don't leave them on the court – there is a bucket inside the front door of the club – put them there so that another player can use them.

### **8). Monitor children on the courts at all times**

Everyone who plays tennis wants to encourage children to play the game as well, but children must also follow these rules. Since children tend to get distracted, it's up to the adults with them to assist. Stray balls, running around and yelling are actions that need to be managed.

### **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 - the players on adjacent courts will appreciate it.