

## USTA PACIFIC NORTHWEST | SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATION

In accordance with the values of <u>USTA Sportsmanship and Fair Play</u>, it is a core objective within the USTA Pacific Northwest Section to ensure that all sanctioned and sponsored activities (events and programs) exemplify the principles of good sportsmanship. This expectation extends to every participant in USTA activities, which encompass and include all competitors, spectators, parents, coaches, and all individuals involved in these events. USTA Pacific Northwest requires dedication from all involved to cultivate a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment at every USTA activity, both on and off the tennis court.

Acknowledging that tennis places the responsibility for fair play on each participant, we stress the importance of abiding by the rules of the game. This includes giving the benefit of the doubt to opponents and making no call to end a point unless being entitled under the rules to do so and being absolutely sure of the correctness of the call. Participants are encouraged to engage in competition with the genuine spirit of sportsmanship, recognizing that their conduct on the court is a direct reflection of their character. Whether matches conclude in victory or defeat, there must be a commitment to conduct oneself in a manner that honors opponents, supporters, and the game of tennis.