



# SPORTSMANSHIP SHINES IN THE PNW

## USTA PNW PLAYERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

**Good sportsmanship has been the focus of the USTA PNW Adult Competition team for 2023. PNW league and tournament players have taken this messaging to heart, showing off their excellent sportsmanship both on and off the court. As a result, our sportsmanship nomination portal has been flooded with nominations of players who have gone above and beyond.**

### **Here are a few of the many nominations we've received:**

**Kim Hood** ~ We were playing Kim's team for the opportunity to go to Sectionals in the wildcard spot. Not only was she lovely on the court, but after we won the match and clinched the wildcard, Kim took the bottle of champagne out of her back that she was planning to share with her own team and handed it to me. A truly gracious and classy move!

**Latasha Khan** ~ Latasha was such a delightful and nice opponent. She always congratulated me on winners and even tried to convince me that one of her shots was out when I called it in.

**Debbie Gliner** ~ Debbie was such a great sportsman, extremely fair, congratulatory, kind, and welcoming while being competitive. I hope that I emulate that same on-court experience to others, but it is definitely something we all should strive for. At the end of the day, these are club leagues and people with other things going on outside of tennis. While I think healthy competition is great, I also think treating people with respect and sportsmanship is the greatest trait of true winners. Thank you Debbie for reminding of this.

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**Rebecca Clements & Maik Winkler Chin** ~ Rebecca and Maiko went above and beyond in the sportsmanship department. I expect good line calls and congeniality, but what I got was much more. Rebecca and Maiko used our first names, delayed serving when a ball was rolling into the playing area and always congratulated our good shots. People can often get heated in postseason play, but Rebecca and Maiko showed to us that you can be fair and nice while still being competitive. We could tell that Rebecca and Maiko were really enjoying their time on the court, which made for such a great and fun match!

These are just a few of the many sportsmanship nominations that we have received. If you know a player that has gone above and beyond in the area of good sportsmanship, please thank them by submitting your own nomination on their behalf. Click [HERE](#) to view the sportsmanship nomination form.

Thank you to all of the USTA PNW League and tournament players for showing that tennis is the best sport on the planet, and that while being competitive we can still play a fun, fair, and enjoyable tennis match. ■