



Mass Indoor Tennis Association

## Code of Conduct & Ethics

**The Highest type of Sportsmanship is expected from every player. Players are under the obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike to the game of tennis.**

**Violators of this code are subject to disciplinary action by the MITA Board and may be ineligible to compete in team matches and tournaments.**

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- 1. Loud, abusive and profane language, racquet throwing or hitting balls indiscriminately and unnecessary physical contact are prohibited.**
- 2. Deliberate stalling is a rule infraction and should be protested by the opponents.**
- 3. Intentional waving of a racquet or arms, or making distracting noises is prohibited.**
- 4. If you have any doubt, as to whether a ball is out or good, you MUST give the opponents the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as “GOOD”.**
- 5. If you call a ball “out” and then realize it was good, you MUST correct your call.**
- 6. Intentional late arrival & court entry is a rule infraction and should be protested.**
- 7. If players cannot agree on the score, they may go back to the last score on which there was agreement and resume play from that point, or they may spin a racquet.**
- 8. Each match should be considered a team effort and reflections of the Club players represent. Violations of this code and the rules and procedures of the Association should be submitted immediately to the Grievance Chairman.**
- 9. The Grievance Committee will review not only the incident but also past behavior and will decide whether or not there was an infraction, or repetitive infractions, and to what extent a player should be suspended.**
- 10. Proper team line-up must be adhered to at all times.**

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**The above Code of Conduct and Ethics are provided to insure that all team participants of the Association will enjoy competition in a courteous atmosphere.**