

## RALEIGH JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

# ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

To promote a more enjoyable and fair experience for all, Raleigh's Junior Team Tennis league has implemented the following "ZERO TOLERANCE" policy for improper behavior. This policy is in immediate effect and is to be diligently and stringently enforced.

### PLAYER CONDUCT

As a tennis player, it is important that in addition to just knowing and following the rules of the game, you also show good sportsmanship on the court. Sportsmanship includes respecting your opponents, playing fair and doing your part so that everyone is having fun!

#### Before the Match

- Introduce yourself to your opponents.
- Be ready to always try your best.

#### During the Match

- If you are the server, clearly call out the score before the point starts.
- Wait to serve until your opponent is ready.
- Always show "Respect" for your opponent, spectators, coaches, and league staff.
- Give your best effort no matter the score.
- Congratulate your opponent's good shots.
- Keep your racquet in your hand and avoid dropping or throwing it.
- Avoid shouting in frustration, especially during your point.
- Be "Gracious" no matter the circumstances.
- Act with "Honesty" and "Integrity".

#### Calling In or Out

- Calling shots correctly isn't considered good sportsmanship. It's the RULE the game. Adhering to "The Code" is the responsibility of all players, parents, and coaches.
- Giving your opponent the "benefit of the doubt" or correcting a mistake you made is an example of good sportsmanship. It shows your "Character" and "Fairness" toward your opponent.

#### After the Match

- Before leaving the court, show "Humility" in victory or "Decency" in defeat. First, head to the net, tap racquets, and say "good match" or something else positive.
- Avoid poor behavior - throwing your racquet, complaining about your opponent, or gloating after a win; win or lose, it's important to end the match on a positive note.
- Wish your opponent good luck in their future matches.

Player behavior deemed unacceptable towards a player, spectator, coach, or staff member may be cause for immediate removal from the playing area. Removal is not subject to appeal. Misconduct may also result in future match suspensions.