

TENNIS AUSTRALIA
TENNIS ETIQUETTE ON THE COURT

1. It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of a first serve) any ball that you can clearly see out on your opponents side of the net.
2. If you have any doubt if the ball is out or good, you must give your opponent the benefit of the doubt and play as good. You should not play a let.
3. In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should call the service line for her/him, with the receiver calling the centre and side service lines.
4. Any "out", "let" or "fault" call must be made instantaneously (i.e. made before either an opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play) otherwise the ball continues in play.
5. If you call a ball "out" and then realise it was good, you should correct your call.
6. Do NOT enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.
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.
8. Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponents side of the court.
9. Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
10. To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
11. Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practise gamesmanship.
12. Foot faults may only be called by an Official either allocated for that purpose or a person performing a chair umpire function. Players may be requested to correct their foot faulting problem by a Referee or Court Supervisor. The receiver may not call a foot fault against the server.
13. The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.