

TENNIS ETIQUETTE - SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

- Close the gate behind you when you enter or leave the courts.
- Ensure any equipment you are not using on court (spare racquet, bag, drinks, clothes etc.) is placed out of the way and will not present a hazard to players changing ends or moving for a wide ball.
- Do not bring modes of transport on court, i.e. bicycles or scooters.
- Use litter or recycling bins when they are provided.
- Do not leave metal caps from ball cans, ball cans, unwanted balls, paper cups, drink bottles, or other litter, on or around the court.
- Talk quietly if you are near courts that are in use.
- Do not cross behind a court while a point is underway. When the point is over, move quickly across the back of the court.
- Spectators should not applaud a player's error, heckle players, or call balls in or out (even if asked to do so).
- If a ball from your court goes onto another court, wait for a break in play on that court (and any courts between you and the court where the ball stops) and then politely ask for the players on that court to return the ball. **If the ball presents a danger to a player, alert them immediately.**
- Return balls that come onto your court to the back of the court, at a break in play on that court. If a ball comes into your court and disturbs your game, call a let and replay the point.
- Call shots landing on your side of the court (only). All out, let or fault calls should be made promptly. Any doubt must be resolved in favour of the opponent. Any ball that cannot be called out with certainty is considered to have been good.
- A player should call against themselves, any ball (except a first serve) they see clearly out, regardless of whether they are requested to do so.
- A player should acknowledge promptly if a ball touches them, or if they touch the net, double hit a ball, or if the ball bounces twice, or if they hit the ball before it crosses the net
- A player may ask the opponent "Are you sure of your call?" If the player acknowledges any doubt, they lose the point. If a call is changed from out to good the point is only replayed if the out ball was put into play. A player shall not put into play or hit over the net an obvious fault.