

SBTC Court Etiquette Guidelines – Version 1, August 17, 2025

1. Court Etiquette

Proper court etiquette helps to ensure that all members feel respected and safe when using our facilities. To work effectively etiquette guidelines need to be followed by all members.

We are all equal members of SBTC. Our club has many members so it is not possible to recognize each and every member, but we can treat each person with respect.

Members and guests should be courteous and polite at all times and respectful of court time booked.

1.1 Communication Etiquette

1. Treat all members with respect and courtesy, regardless of background, experience, or opinion.
2. Avoid all forms of yelling or raised voices and poor language.
3. When approaching a person on the court that you do not recognize, start with introducing yourself and a respectful inquiry.
 - a. Example of inquiry:
 - i. “I don’t believe we have met”
 - ii. “is this the court time you have booked?”

1.2 Court Etiquette

1. Players should finish play, pack up and be ready to leave the court on the hour to ensure succeeding players are able to start on time.

2. There should be no interruption to existing play as members have booked their time.
3. Court use is for tennis match play or hitting practice in singles or doubles format.
4. Abusive language (swearing, etc.), excessive noise, rudeness is prohibited.
5. Abuse of club facilities or personal equipment is prohibited.

1.3 Use of Courts

1. When accessing your court players must wait until a rally in progress is completed before making their way on court by crossing behind the court.
2. Only 3 tennis balls should be used on each court when both courts are in play except for instructor lessons or competitive team training.
3. Formal lesson instruction is only permitted to be provided by registered club instructors. There is no restriction on members or parents helping each other to learn.
4. Instructors not contracted to SBTC are NOT permitted to instruct at our club.

1.4 During Play

1. Members must aim to return stray balls to other courts in a safe, timely, polite, precise manner WITHOUT disrupting ongoing play.
2. Members should be observant and warn other members who are in jeopardy of stepping on a ball by calling LET for safety reasons on either court. All play should stop when a LET is called. Players replay the point when a LET is called.

1.5 General Etiquette

1. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.
2. Courts should be kept clear and gates should be kept closed.
3. If you are the last person to leave the court please lock the gate and be sure the lock box is properly closed unless it is time for public hours.
4. If you experience any circumstance that make you feel uncomfortable or disrespected please email info@sbtennis.org or contact any of the executive members with the time and date of the occurrence.

We want to have all members, guests and visitors to be able to enjoy our facilities and the great game of tennis at their own pace and level of play.

Thank you. SBTC. Approved by Executive August 17, 2025