

**INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION  
ROLE OF THE COACH/PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS &  
CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS**

**COACHES AND PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT PLAYERS:**

- ✓ **Always behave respectfully:** in a way that reflects well on the ITF, your National Association, yourself, the tournament and the game of tennis.
- ✓ **Know and obey the rules** – of the ITF Circuit (including the Code of Conduct and Welfare Policy) and your National Association.
- ✓ **Respect the direction and decisions of tournament officials.**
- ✓ **Behave well in tournament hotels:** keep noise to a minimum and do not disturb fellow competitors or other guests. Do not cause any damage to the hotel or the property of others.
- ✓ **Respect other players' right to privacy in the locker room.** Do not take photos or film other people without their prior consent.
- ✓ **Be careful when using social media.** Do not post negative, abusive or disrespectful comments or pictures about other players, the ITF, your National Association or any tournament officials.
- ✓ **Cooperate with the media.** Recognise the role the media plays in promoting tennis.

**COACHES AND PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT PLAYERS DO NOT:**

- x **Use performance enhancing drugs (doping).**
- x **Bet on tennis.**
- x **Grunt excessively,** or grunt as a tactic or gamesmanship.
- x **Forget about your education:** continue schooling, and join and graduate from the ITF Junior Tennis School.

It all comes down to one word – **sportsmanship**

*“the practice of the ideals of sport, such as fairness, generosity and observance of the rules.”*

*In addition to the above, do not forget that the ITF Junior Code of Conduct covers the players' behaviour not only on court but also everywhere connected with the tournament – including on site, on tournament transportation and in the hotel. Violation of the Code of Conduct shall subject a player to a maximum penalty of permanent suspension from play in all ITF Junior Circuit tournaments and ITF Junior Team Competitions. In the case of a serious violation the penalty imposed may be extended to include other ITF Circuits.*