



Abilene Tennis Association's Player/Spectator/Parent Guide & Rules for UTR Tournaments

Here is an overview of the role of a parent/spectator & player during our UTR Tournaments

Before the match, parents/spectators/players need to ...

- Make sure players get to the match at least 15 minutes before the match time.
- Make sure every player has the proper equipment (racquets & water)
- Each player/spectator/parent should have a positive attitude and good sportsmanship so that the player displays the same on the court.

During the match, parents/spectators/players need to ...

- Clap for ALL good shots. Cheer for both your player and his/her opponent. Tennis spectators are positive towards all players on court.
- Allow the players to keep their own score. Even if you know the players have called out the wrong score, parents or spectators should not help the players keep score. This is part of the growing and learning process that younger players must go through.
- Parents nor Spectators should not help call lines. The players must make ALL calls during the match.
- Parents nor Spectators cannot give advice to players during the match. Coaching from parents/spectators during a match **is illegal**.
- Parents and spectators must sit outside the fence during matches.
- Make sure each player reports the score to the site director and to see when or if they play again. At most UTR Tournaments, the players will play three matches.

CRUCIAL REMINDERS.....

Reminder to all players, parents and spectators that there is absolutely "NO COACHING, NEGATIVE YELLING, CALLING OF LINES OR SCORES, OR TALKING TO THE PLAYERS WHILE THEY ARE ON THE COURT OR ABUSING THE OFFICIALS, SITE DIRECTOR OR ATA REPRESENTATIVE."

If this happens the parent/player/spectator will be asked to leave the match immediately. If there is a second incident, the player will not be allowed to play in the next UTR. Third incident, the player will not be able to play in an ATA UTR for a year. The Abilene Tennis Association hosts these tournaments to help improve the play of the players and will strictly enforce these rules.