

# SIDELINE BEHAVIOUR

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## LEAD

Be a role model by demonstrating appropriate behavior at all times.



## SUPPORT

Actively encourage your child with positive language.



## RESPECT

Please be respectful towards all officials, staff, volunteers, competitors, and fellow supporters.



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As supporters and spectators of our junior tennis players and events, you play a crucial role in creating positive and enjoyable environments for all participants.

It is essential that adults within our sport lead by example, showing respect to competitors, officials, supporters, staff, and volunteers. Inappropriate sideline behaviours such as swearing, yelling, and aggression toward participants, match officials, tournament staff, and fellow spectators are creeping into our sport. Unexemplary behaviour from parents, coaches, spectators, and supporters is considered a clear breach of the Tennis NZ Code of Behaviour and is not welcomed in our sport.

Instead, the emphasis should be on encouraging and supporting all junior tennis players on and off the court, making the sport a fun, friendly, safe, and reassuring environment, regardless of the outcome.

Tennis New Zealand are committed to ensure that our junior players are having fun and creating lifelong friends and memories within the sport. If we are to reduce any disruptive behaviors, a collaborative approach is required that holds us (as adults within the sport) accountable to maintain a positive, respectful and enjoyable playing environment where players feel safe and supported to give it their best.