

Town of Somerset
Tennis Etiquette Code
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Etiquette is essential to tennis because tennis is a game of focus and concentration. Tennis players cannot focus and concentrate when they are distracted.

At Somerset’s courts, we have One Rule of Tennis Etiquette: The Tennis Golden Rule. Treat your neighboring players the way you want to be treated. All players - adults and children alike – must exercise consideration for other players, at all times. Remember, our tennis courts are a shared community resource. Allowing each other the chance to enjoy the game is possible only if we exercise consideration of each other.

For example:

- Do not interrupt your neighbors’ game by chasing your ball onto their court or by calling for it in the middle of their point.
- Keep your voice down! Tennis is a game of quiet concentration and if you speak loudly you may interrupt another player’s focus. Keep chatting to a minimum at all times – before play, during warmup, during play, and after play ends. Children should be taught to speak in a soft “indoor voice” and not disrupt other players.
- Allow other players to finish their point before you enter or exit. All players, adults and children alike, should walk silently and in single file when crossing the courts to enter and exit.
- Treat the tennis courts with respect. Courts may not be used for anything other than tennis. They are not a playground or a dog park. Do not step over, or otherwise damage, the nets.
- **Do not share the keypad code with anyone except authorized users.**

When in doubt, apply the Tennis Golden Rule: Behave toward other players as you would have them behave toward you. If you see others violating the Tennis Golden Rule, you may politely remind them of it. Players who violate the Tennis Court Rules or the Tennis Etiquette Code may face suspension of their Tennis Card pursuant to the Somerset Town Code.

As a Member of the Somerset community and a Tennis Card-holder, I agree to follow the Somerset Tennis Court Rules and the Tennis Etiquette Code.

Name

Address

Signature

Date