

I pledge to Always Champion Exceptional

Sportsmanship on and off the court.

Review the *ACES* and *ERRORS* of sportsmanship for parents, spectators, and coaches below:

Do:

- Be respectful of the match
- Say “nice point”
- Clap politely to acknowledge a good shot
- Respect the call
- Respect all players, providers and spectators
- Give the benefit of the doubt
- Assume fair play
- Raise concerns to tournament director or official
- Introduce yourself to other spectators
- Respect privacy concerns for minors
- Ask permission to videotape a match
- Stop videotaping if asked
- Say thank you to the provider
- Congratulate the winner and/or their family/coach
- Tell players how fun it is to watch them play
- Expect players to play all scheduled matches
- Support players whether they win or lose
- Remember playing a sport is about health and well-being not winning or losing
- Nominate a player, spectator or provider for the MAS Honor Roll

Do Not:

- Use profanity or insensitive language
- Accuse a player of cheating
- Cheer for errors and double faults
- Bully participants on or off the court
- Intrude in the match
- Speak to players on court
- Coach or signal players on the court
- Goad players or other spectators
- Encourage antics or gamesmanship
- Shout or speak disrespectfully
- Call anybody names
- Hang on the fence
- Videotape a minor without permission
- Post negative video or comments about minors online
- Be so loud as to disturb others
- Punish a child for a loss
- Reprimand or verbally diminish a child in front of others
- Spread rumors about participants

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