

Grove LTC Championships

Guidance for Umpires

1. The umpire should talk to the players before the match, outline the rules, and advise them to:
 - (a) Enjoy the game and represent themselves, their families and the Club well; and
 - (b) Be considerate to other players and pass the tennis balls to them politely.
2. Players should be informed that:
 - (a) They can call their own shots but the umpire will overrule on a clear mistake;
 - (b) The umpire will keep the score; and
 - (c) Spectators, supporters, etc must not become involved during the match, e.g. through coaching players, calling shots or disputing scores.
3. The umpire should try to ensure that all players enjoy the experience —and especially so in junior matches. He/she should also try to keep players calm, e.g. in advising them not to rush points or the change of ends between games.
4. All matches are the best of three sets with a tie-break in each set if the score reaches 6–6.
5. For matches at Under 8 and Under 10 levels, additional requirements are to:
 - (a) Start each set at 2–2;
 - (b) Use correct tennis balls (red spot for Under 8 and green spot for Under 10); and
 - (c) Allow players to serve from either the baseline or the service line. Only an underarm or a bounce serve is allowed from the service line.
6. Player behaviour:
 - (a) The umpire should not allow bad language, abuse of racquet or abuse of court.
 - (b) If a player misbehaves, the umpire should adopt the following procedure:
 - i. When an incident first occurs, have a quiet word with the player, either at that time or at the end of that particular game;
 - ii. When a second incident occurs, give the player a formal warning and ask a spectator to call the Referee (John Carroll) to the court;
 - iii. When a third incident occurs, award a point penalty; and
 - iv. When a fourth incident occurs, award a match default.
7. If any other type of problem arises, the umpire should pause the match and ask a spectator to call the Referee (John Carroll) to the court.