

# USTA ATLANTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

PRINT CHILD'S NAME	PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
  2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
  3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
  4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
  5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
  6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or spectator such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures; or physically abusing anyone.
  7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
  8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
  9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
  10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
  11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
  12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
  13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize matches and competition in the lower age groups.
  14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of the desire I may have for my child to win.
  15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the courts, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
  16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
  17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during matches and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:
- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or director of league organization
  - Written warning
  - Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
  - Match forfeit through the official or coach
  - Parental and/or player season suspension

As the parent or legal guardian of the child named below, I hereby give my full consent and approval for my child to participate in the USTA Atlanta Junior Team Tennis League (the "JTTL"). I recognize that physical activity, by its very nature, carries with it certain dangers and risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries; that although activities may not be strenuous, injuries or medical complications may occur; that balance and physical coordination may affect the occurrence of accidents or falls; that I should ask about other potential hazards and recommended precautions; and that, in addition to physical activity, I or my child may be subjected to risks associated with traveling in vehicles. I knowingly assume all risks associated with participation in the program myself and on behalf of my child.

## CONSENT & WAIVER

**Waiver and Indemnity Agreement:** In consideration of my child's participation in these activities, on behalf of myself and my child, I hereby waive and release any and all right and claims for damages I may have against the USTA, USTA Georgia, USTA Atlanta, the host facility, and any and all staff, volunteers, sponsors and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me or my child in the normal course of participation in the JTTL.

**Medical Release:** I hereby consent to and authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of an injury to me or my child while participating in any JTTL activity. I have appropriate insurance, or, if not, I agree to pay all costs of medical services incurred.

**Media Release:** I hereby give USTA, USTA Georgia and USTA Atlanta and their representatives the irrevocable right to use my or my child's name, picture, photograph, or other likeness in all forms and media and in all manners. This includes but is not limited to print and the web. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished version(s), including any written copy that may accompany it.

**Parent's Code of Conduct:** I have received a copy of and read the Parent's Code of Conduct and agree to its terms and will act in accordance with its principles at all times.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I AM SIGNING IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_