

Head Coach Responsibilities

1. Study and follow written league rules. Be prepared to clarify rules for players. Communicate with team members before matches begin to ensure knowledge of rules.
2. Work cooperatively with opposing coaches. Be calm and open-minded if there is a rule dispute during a match, and know the dispute resolution procedures. Be prepared to lend a player if another team has 4 or fewer players in attendance.
3. Use published rules and guidelines to complete game day rosters/scorecards. Rosters must be completed, exchanged, and signed by opposing coach before match play begins (by the completion of the 10-minute warm-up).
4. Find assistant coach, and any other volunteers needed, for the team and league.
5. Make sure players are ready and waiting to take the courts on schedule throughout match, and are playing in correct positions according to roster.
6. Offer coaching tips, in a positive manner, to players when allowed and when necessary. (Wimbledon players may be coached at any time as long as play is not disrupted. Roland Garros and US Open players may only be coached on the changeover between odd games.)
7. Coaches should be prepared to control poor behavior when necessary, and to ensure sportsmanlike behavior from all players. (Parents should not be involved in discipline during a match.)
8. Coaches are responsible for arranging the 10-minute warm-up logistics with the opposing coach so that every player has a fair chance to warm up.
9. Coaches are responsible for making sure all players know and are following the rules, and are playing in proper order of play according to completed scorecard.
10. Coaches are responsible for periodically confirming recorded game scores during match with opposing coach, and for reporting final match score to head scorekeeper at conclusion of play.