



TEXAS

# Spectator Policy

## **ATTENTION ALL SPECTATORS**

(INCLUDES PARENTS, COACHES, RELATIVES, FRIENDS, ETC OF THE PLAYER)

In an effort to promote a more enjoyable and fair experience for all, the following policy is in immediate force and effect, and shall be diligently and stringently enforced

USTA Texas has implemented a “**ZERO TOLERANCE**” policy for the following behavior:

1. Any attempt by a **Spectator to Speak to an Official** in an **Abusive or Disrespectful Manner** regarding a line call or other ruling during match play shall be cause for **Immediate Removal** from the **Playing Area** and, if warranted, **From the Premises**
2. Any **Spectator Behavior** deemed **Unacceptable Towards a Player, Other Spectator** or **Staff Member** shall be cause for **Immediate Removal** from the **Playing Area** or **From the Premises**
3. If said behavior is **Directed Towards a Player**, either **Before, During or After** a tournament, it shall result in an **Automatic and Immediate Suspension** of that **Spectator’s Right to Attend** USTA Texas tournaments, for a period of time to be determined by the USTA Texas Discipline and Grievance Committee
4. Refusal to **Adhere to a Removal Request** shall trigger **Immediate Enforcement** of the **Point Penalty System**

against the player with whom the spectator is involved (per point penalty system regulations), **Including** possible **Immediate Default from the Tournament**

5. The **On-Site Official** is the **Sole Judge** regarding what is deemed as unacceptable/inappropriate behavior
6. **Spectators Communication** with an **Officials**, particularly regarding rulings or any other aspect of a tennis tournament/match, is **Strictly Prohibited** during an **Ongoing Match**
7. **Being a Parent, Coach, Relative, or Friend of a Player** etc. **Does Not Endow** any special privileges
8. **Parents** are **Allowed to Remove their Own Child from Competition at Any Time**, but the **Player can be Subjected to Penalty Points** if the **Official** deems it **Appropriate/Necessary**