



VIII - Tennis Code of Conduct/Point Penalty

Misconduct	*1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
• Violation of USTA Rule No. 29, taking more than ninety seconds on changeover or taking more than 20 seconds between points	1 point	4 points	Disqualification
• Prolonging argument over decision after directed to resume play	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Failure to commence play after expiration of warm-up minutes	1 point		
Lateness in being ready			
• A player or players who are not ready to play, or are not properly attired, when a court and opponent are available after a match has been called will be penalized	1 game after 5 minutes, 2 games after 10 min., defaulted after 15 min.		
• To start a match, after an intermission	1 point per minute or fraction thereof		
• To resume play within fifteen minutes of injury (considered a 1 time-out injury)	Disqualification		
NOTE: The time-out for injury should begin once a trainer is available on the court or if the coach or the site director makes the decision on the court.			
Profane or obscene language or gestures			
• Directed at no one in particular	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Directed at an official, opponent, or spectator	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Unsportsmanlike acts			
• Knocking ball out of enclosure	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Intentional racquet dropping	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• Hitting ball or throwing racquet at/near person	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
• Intentional racquet dropping to disconcert opponent	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection	
Gross Misconduct			
• Trash talking	1 point	4 points	Disqualification/Ejection
• A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct	Disqualification/Ejection		
• A single, flagrant, gross act of misconduct after the player has completed his/her last match	1 point team deduction		
Use of an Ineligible Coach	1 point team deduction per match		

***There may be one warning prior to the first offense per competitor for minor unsportsmanlike acts. The tournament manager will announce this procedure during his pretournament meeting. Penalties carry over throughout a tournament.**

NOTE: The tournament manager/site director and eligible coach may invoke point penalties in matches where there is no umpire, provided they personally observe the misconduct. In addition, it is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools to monitor player conduct. Any coach, tournament manager, or site director who personally observes misconduct may invoke the point penalties, provided they report their action to the tournament manager/site director.

MHSA Rules - All tennis players in MHSA sanctioned tournaments shall be penalized one team point (on the first infraction) and removed from further play (on second infraction) for any unsportsmanlike conduct on site after a match or before the next match or at the end the tournament. During the match, players are under the Tennis Code of Conduct / point penalty system of the USTA.

In accordance with MHSA By-Laws, any player or coach ejected (not disqualified) from a match will be ineligible for the next interscholastic contest at that level of competition, and all other interscholastic contests at any level in the interim.