

WHAT IS SAFE SPORT?



Safe sport means that every athlete, official, coach, and administrator is safe, supported, and strengthened through tennis. This happens when a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment is provided in which participants can train and compete without the fear of bullying, harassment, or abuse. Tennis Canada is committed to protecting the security, safety, and health of all participants, so that tennis is always a fun and positive place to be.

Safe Sport means:

- Coaches are Active TPA Certified
- Volunteers are safe sport screened
- Policies and Procedures are in place
- Education and Trainings are available
- Environments are open and observable
- Participants are free from all forms of maltreatment
- Knowing where and how to report a concern or complaint

A Safe Sport environment:

- is safe, equitable and inclusive
- promotes strength, resilience and self confidence
- is positive and fun
- follows the rule of two
- ensures respect for opponents, officials, and organizers
- allows for growth and development
- encourages fair and meaningful competition

A Safe Sport environment is free from the following prohibited behaviours:

- Psychological Maltreatment
- Neglect
- Grooming
- Discrimination
- Aiding and Abetting
- Failure to Report
- Retaliation
- Physical Maltreatment
- Sexual Maltreatment
- Boundary Transgressions
- Interference with or Manipulation of Process
- Intentionally Reporting a False Allegation
- Subjecting a Participant to the Risk of Maltreatment

Safe Sport is NOT about:

- Giving/Receiving advice, or discussion around different points of view
- Respectfully disagreeing with a line call or official's ruling
- Not qualifying for a competition or being selected to a team
- A coach providing corrective feedback for development
- An opponent celebrating after winning a point or match
- Showing internal frustration after a missed shot or loss
- Not liking a coach, official, opponent, or administrator
- Appropriate consequences for not following rules, curfew, or team expectations