

## DON'TS

1. DON'T say, "We're playing today." Instead, say "You're playing today." This is your child's match. Help them learn how to be responsible for preparing to play: carrying their own equipment, checking in, etc.....
2. DON'T get too pushy.
3. DON'T turn away when the child behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner on the court.
4. DON'T tell the child what he or she did wrong or right after a tough match.
5. DON'T ask the child to talk with you immediately after a loss.
6. DON'T make enemies with your child's opponent's parents during a match.
7. DON'T act negatively and angrily on the sidelines unless your child is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner.
8. DON'T make your child's tennis YOUR life.
9. DON'T make your child feel guilty for all the time, money and sacrifices you are making for his or her tennis.
10. DON'T think of your child's tennis as an investment for which you expect a return.
11. DON'T live out your own dreams through your child's tennis.
12. DON'T try to take the coach's job away. Be the parent.
13. DON'T compare your child's progress with that of other children.
14. DON'T badger, harass or use sarcasm to motivate your child
15. DON'T threaten or use fear to improve your child's tennis discipline.
16. DON'T talk about us; talk to us if you have any comments or suggestions.