



## Waiver

The Columbus Regional Tennis Association, Inc. (CORTA) requires a signed release covering all entrants in events. The release must be signed by the entrant and parent or guardian of any entrant who is a minor.

**RELEASE:** Acceptance of my entry in events is without assumption or responsibility of any kind by the CORTA, the USTA, its sectional associates, committee or the management of any event in which I may be entered or may participate. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I do hereby for and on behalf of myself, and my heirs and my legal representatives release and forever discharge the CORTA its officers, committees, and representatives and their successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims and damages, losses or injuries which may be suffered or sustained by me in connection with my activities during the period for which such permission is granted and any period traveling to and from the events described, and all claims are hereby waived and released, and I covenant not to sue therefore.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** I hereby agree to abide by the established CORTA Code of Conduct. (See below.)

**MEDICAL RELEASE:** I hereby consent to the rendering of emergency first aid and other medical procedures that at the time of injury or illness seem reasonably advisable. I further understand that I will be responsible for payment of any such medical procedures. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations and codes of the USTA and/or the same as may be adopted by the USTA and/or CORTA for events, and hereby consent to be tested for drugs pursuant to the provisions thereof.

**PUBLICITY RELEASE:** I hereby give consent to CORTA to use my name, picture likeness, and/or biographical materials for the promotion of CORTA events, and/or any of their programs and activities. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless CORTA from any and all claims of any kind which I, my heirs, executors and assigns, may have on account of the use of any photographs, videos, or any other media generated as a result of my participating in CORTA events.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I hereby grant permission to CORTA to take and use: photographs and/or digital images of me for use in printed or electronic publications, web sites or other electronic communications. I further agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the images(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints, digital reproductions shall be the property of CORTA.

**EMAIL RELEASE:** I hereby grant permission to CORTA to contact me via email at the address provided. I understand that I have the ability to "opt out" at any time either by calling CORTA or replying to an email that you might receive from CORTA.

## CORTA Code of Conduct

Players, spectators and coaches are expected to conduct themselves with honor and integrity at all times with the highest level of sportsmanship, courtesy, and fairness. Players are encouraged to abide by the letter and spirit of the rules of play and to be gracious in both victory and defeat. Individuals are under an obligation to avoid acts that may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis.

The following procedures and practices apply to all CORTA sponsored tournaments, events, and team play.

*Fair Play:* Players shall call all balls, double bounces, and shots, fairly and honestly. This includes calling out the score after every point, using score cards when provided, making out calls loudly or sufficiently visible so one's opponent is aware of the call, etc.

*Abuse of Balls:* Players shall not violently, dangerously, or with anger hit, kick, or throw a tennis ball while on the grounds except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For the purposes of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously within the court, or hitting a ball with disregard of the consequences.

*Abuse of Equipment:* Players and their supporters shall not violently, dangerously, or with anger hit, kick, or throw a racquet or other equipment within the confines of the courts. For the purposes of this rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as intentionally, dangerously, and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment, or intentionally or violently hitting the net, court, or other fixtures out of anger or frustration.

*Physical Abuse:* Players and their supporters shall not at any time physically abuse any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the confines of the courts. For the purposes of this rule, physical abuse refers to the unauthorized touching of another person.

*Verbal Abuse:* Players and their supporters shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator, or other person within the confines of the courts. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement directed at another person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting, or otherwise abusive.

*Audible Obscenity:* Players and their supporters shall not use audible obscenities while on-site. An audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard.

*Visible Obscenity:* Players and their supporters shall not make obscene gestures while on-site. A visible obscenity is defined as the making of a sign with one's hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly has an obscene meaning.

*Failure to Give Best Effort:* All players shall use their best efforts during matches when competing in a CORTA sponsored event.

*Unsportsmanlike Conduct:* Players and their supporters shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, and others. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the success of a tournament, event, and/or the sport.

*Gamesmanship:* Players and their supporters shall not participate in gamesmanship. Effective ways of bending, evading and breaking the rules in order to gain a competitive edge will not be tolerated. Players are expected to play for the benefit and love of the sport. All matches should be played in good faith and the benefit of tennis and fair play.