

Guidelines for Assessing Code Violation Penalties

	Action	Always Penalize	Generally Penalize	Sometime Penalize
Racket Abuse	Throwing a racket that even inadvertently, strikes a person	X		
	Throwing a racket into the fence or net		X	
	Throwing a racket in anger or in any manner that could or does endanger any person or that damages any part of the court surface or equipment		X	
	Breaking a racket		X	
	Tossing a racket into the air			X
	Tossing a racket at a player's bag			X
	Bouncing a racket on the court			X
Ball Abuse	Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play that hits a person	X		
	Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play that leaves the playing area		X	
	Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play that comes close to hitting a person		X	
	Deliberately hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play in a manner that could cause damage or harm		X	
	A player who hits the opponent with a ball while legitimately trying to return a ball to the opponent should not be penalized			
Audible/Visible Obscenity or Profanity	Words & gestures that are considered offensive to court personnel, players or spectators	X		
	References to sexual functioning	X		
	References to deities when associated with curses	X		
Verbal or Physical Abuse	Physical attacks, even if no one is hurt	X		
	Traditional fighting words	X		
	Ethnic or racial slur	X		
	References to sexual orientation	X		
	Attacks on the competence of an official		X	
	Taunting		X	
	Insulting or abusive words and gestures that are directed at a person		X	
	Words & gestures that are disrespectful, disruptive or intimidating such as "Come on" or "OK" after the opponent double faults or makes an error on an easy shot		X	
	Words & gestures that are in the face of a person such as a strong pumped fist directed at a close range to the opponent		X	
Coaching	Receipt of coaching	X		
	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Retaliatory calls	X	
		Other unsportsmanlike conduct	X	