

North Suburban Junior Tennis Association
Foot Fault Policy and Procedures

(as at July 2011)

- 1) Foot faults cannot be called in D Grade.
- 2) Foot faults can be called in home and away matches and finals for A, B and C Grades, but only blatant foot faults (such as a player's foot being entirely inside the baseline before the ball is served) should be called.
- 3) If a player believes that an opposition player is blatantly foot faulting, he or she should call for the Team Manager of the host team (finals) or the Team Managers of both competing teams (home and away) to come onto the court. If either Team Manager becomes aware of the problem (perhaps alerted by the opposing team) both Team Managers should likewise go on court.
- 4) Before the player serves again, the Team Manager(s) shall warn the player that he or she may call a foot fault if such an infringement occurs. If a blatant foot fault then occurs, the Team Manager(s) should call a let and explain to the player how the foot fault occurred. If further blatant foot faults occur, the Team Manager(s) should call fault for the remainder of that set. The Team Manager(s) should only enter the court for subsequent sets if they believe that the problem has not been rectified.
- 5) In Grand Finals, adult umpires should similarly call a let on the first infringement, explain the problem to the player, and then call fault on subsequent infringements. If the venue supervisor becomes aware of a problem, the he or she may only enter the court to request that the umpire watch carefully for foot faulting by any of the players.
- 6) Spectators must not yell out or loudly imply a foot fault at any time. The umpire or Team Manager(s) should immediately reprimand anyone who does so. If a parent or spectator believes that there is a problem with a player foot faulting, they should immediately talk to the Team Manager of the umpiring team or either playing team, or the venue supervisor.