# **TENNIS HINDRANCES**



1 WERE YOU HINDERED?

#### **Important!**

All answers must be YES 🗸

- Did it prevent YOU from playing the point?
- Could you have made the shot otherwise? If your opponent hit a winner, you weren't hindered
- Did you immediately call a hindrance? You must call it before your shot is in/out

# 2 WHAT WAS THE CAUSE?

#### You or your equipment

- · You trip over your own feet or shoelaces
- · Your shoe comes off, a string breaks or your racquet comes out of your hand



### Your partner

· Falls, yells, drops racquet, gets stung by a bee



#### Your opponent

- · Feigns movement X · Drops racquet, shoe comes off
- · Grunts (after warned by an official)
- · Discards ball after serve (after warning)
- · Throws racquet
- · Talks, yells, or phone rings when ball is moving towards your court



- · Hits you on purpose
- · Moves in order to distract you
- · Yells due to an injury
- · Sunglasses or hat comes off
- Falls

# UNINTENTIONAL

## A player on a different court

- · Falls, yells or makes noise
- · Gets in your way (on their court)
- · Gets in your way on your or between courts

## A spectator

· Yells or makes a call · Jumps onto your court

# Something already on the court when the point started

- · A ball retreiver, garbage can, leaf or spectator cup
- · A squirrel, or a rolling ball

#### Something not on the court when the point started

- · A squirrel, or a rolling ball
- · You slip on a leaf or a cup that someone threw

## Something startling and unexpected

- · You hear a train horn at a nearby track, thunder, construction sounds
- · You get stung by a bee or hit by something flying into the court

## The ball in play

- · Hits you
- · Hits ceiling or scoring device
- · Gets hit from an outside ball or a bird
- · Breaks

# 3 WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN?

#### If the event was...

A hindrance	Replay the point
An <i>unintentional</i> hindrance by your opponent	Replay the point
An <i>intentional</i> hindrance by your opponent	You get the point

#### You can't finish match due to...

Injury		> You forfeit
Injury o	caused r opponent	Opponent defaults

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