

# MTA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**TABLE 6** (Table 17 in FAC)

	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ALWAYS PENALIZE</b>	<b>GENERALLY PENALIZE</b>	<b>SOMETIMES PENALIZE</b>
<b>RACKET ABUSE</b>	Throwing a racket that intentionally or inadvertently strikes a person	X		
	Throwing a racket into the fence or net		X	
	Throwing a racket in anger or 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 in the air			X
	Tossing a racket at the player's bag			X
	Bouncing a racket on the court			X
<b>BALL ABUSE</b>	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 a manner that could cause damage or harm		X	
	A player who hits the opponent while legitimately trying to return a ball to the opponent should not be penalized.			
<b>AUDIBLE OR VISIBLE OBSCENITY OR PROFANITY</b>	Words & gestures that are considered patently offensive to court personnel, players, or spectators	X		
	References to sexual functioning	X		
	References to deities when associated with curses	X		
<b>VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE</b>	Physical attacks even if no one is hurt	X		
	Traditional fighting words	X		
	Ethnic or Racial Slurs	X		
	References to sexual orientation	X		
	Attacks on the competence of an official		X	
	Taunting		X	
	Insulting or abusive words & gestures that are directed at a person		X	
	Words & gestures that are disrespectful, disruptive, or intimidating such as a loud, "Come on!" or "Okay." 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 close range to an opponent		X	
<b>COACHING</b>	Receipt of coaching	X		
<b>UNSPORTS MANLIKE CONDUCT</b>	Retaliatory calls	X		
	Other unsportsmanlike conduct	X		
<b>An official may immediately default a player for a single flagrant unsportsmanlike act. Examples of acts that may justify a penalty of immediate default include: physical attacks; injury to an official or player through an act of racket or ball abuse; spitting, and racial, religious, and sexual orientation slurs.</b>				