

# DIAMOND VALLEY TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

## GUIDELINES TO UMPIRES

Match Regulation 21 clearly indicates ....”**The umpire of each rubber shall be the sole arbitrator of all matters arising during the conduct of a rubber.....**”

The Committee however believes that ***some further advice is necessary, especially in the event of poor sportsmanship, equipment abuse, persistent swearing or general misconduct.***

As a result the following procedure should be followed by umpires in these situations:

1. In a calm manner **warn the player** that his/her actions or conduct should be corrected and inform him/her of the procedure which will be followed if the inappropriate behaviour continues. The Captain should also be notified of this **first warning**.
2. If the problem continues a similar **second warning** must be given and a point deducted from the score.
3. If a **third warning** is required, the match should be automatically declared a forfeit and **the rubber lost**.
4. In the advent of **four warnings during the night, all matches shall be forfeit**, irrespective of actual results of matches played. The player cannot participate in any further matches.

Players unhappy with the decisions made by umpires must submit a **written appeal** to the Secretary, and the Committee will conduct an appropriate hearing and arbitrate on the matter.