



**Matches Played on Clay Courts**  
as set by Tennis Australia

For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all players should follow:-

- A ball mark can only be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a return is permitted, but then the player must immediately stop).
- Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponent's side of the court, unless invited by their opponent to do so.
- If a player erases the mark, he/she is conceding the call.
- If there is a disagreement over a ball mark, the Referee (or assistant) can be called to make a final decision.
- If a player calls a ball "out", he/she should, in normal circumstances, be able to show the mark.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realizes that the ball was good, the player who called "out" loses the point.

Players who do not fairly follow these procedures could be subject to the Hindrance Rule and the Unsportsmanlike Conduct provision of the Code of Conduct.