

Can you imagine a "Virginia Slims Woman Doctor of the Year Award?" Tobacco sponsorship of women's sports is even more contradictory -- if one of these tennis players smoked, she would not last through the first set of any tournament.

As successful women, both doctors and athletes serve as role models for young women and girls. Some female athletes are abusing this privilege by selling themselves out to tobacco promotion. New York City's women doctors challenge each of the "Virginia Slims" tennis players to step forward and acknowledge the healthy, smokefree lifestyle which enables them to achieve excellence on the court.

Advice from NYC's women doctors: It's never too late to quit smoking -- and, women tennis players, it's never too late to quit selling yourselves out to the tobacco industry.

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