



### **Codes of Conduct – Junior Coaching**

- BTA is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of Associates and non Associates. We believe that it is important that everyone associated with the BTA should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, Associates and non-Associates are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Association with any member of the Committee.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- All juniors 13 years and under should be supervised at all times before and after lessons, please arrive on time for lessons and pick up children promptly at the gate by the court.
- Keep all contact details up to date on Clubspark
- Tell us if you have any concerns
- Be aware of how to report any concerns (welfare officer notices on notice board and Safeguarding policies on the website)
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and to recognise good performance, not just results;
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials, recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all;
- Never force your child to take part in sport or punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes. Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"
- Do not take photographs or film of other children
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport;
- Use correct and proper language at all times;
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate for them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence; Be patient. Steady progression is usual in children; peaks and plateaus are common
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers or referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let the officials take care of the rules. Publicly accept judgments made by officials

YOUNG PEOPLE are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions; Must follow FAIR PLAY
- Must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity; No bullying is allowed.
- Should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach if they are going to be late and respect their coach on court;
- Must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach;
- Juniors are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the Association at competitions;
- Must not use the toilet or changing facilities if there are adults in there other than their parents

- Must not communicate with Coaches or adults at the club by social media, text or phone. All communication should be through the parents
- Should be able to talk to the Welfare officer or Coach if they have any concerns

### COACHES AND HELPERS

- Prioritise the well-being of all children and adults at risk at all times
- Treat all children and adults at risk fairly and with respect
- Be a positive role model. Act with integrity
- To implement safeguarding policies and procedures
- To listen to and report any concerns to the Welfare officer
- Use constructive training methods suitable for children's abilities
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Ensure a safe environment for play
- Must not communicate with juniors by social media, text or phone. All communication should be through the parents

### **Rules for use of the Courts and Pavilion**

- Appropriate, non-marking, sports trainers must be worn;
- Bikes, scooters, rollerskates, footballs etc are not allowed on the courts;
- Please lower the net on completion of play;
- Please ensure that the court gates and the main gate is locked when you leave;
- Please do not leave any rubbish at the courts. There are no bins at the courts as the Council do not provide us with a rubbish collection;
- The pavilion is available to Associates and has a toilet, changing room and small kitchen. Please leave the facilities as you would expect to find them and please wash up and put away any cups and cutlery that you use.