



Codes of Practice

- 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:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them;
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials;
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results;
- Never force your child to take part in sport;
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all;
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes;
- Publicly accept judgments made by officials;
- 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 unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common;
- Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?";
- 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.

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

- Must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions;
- Must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity;
- 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;
- Junior Associates are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the Association at competitions;
- Junior Associates are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the Association.

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.