




# **BRIDPORT TENNIS CLUB - CODE OF CONDUCT**


**IT IS FORBIDDEN TO USE THESE COURTS FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TENNIS**


**We hope that you enjoy playing tennis at our friendly Club. Please help us to keep it that way & to make new members welcome by:**


 respecting all other users of the courts, irrespective of age, religion, ethnicity, or playing ability and offering equal opportunity to play to all.


 not swearing on the court or abusing any person, racquet or court equipment.  
**Please offer encouragement not criticism!**


 encouraging fair play and discouraging disputes over calls. If in doubt the ball is IN! If you cannot agree, offer a let.


 being suitably attired, and wearing non-abrasive tennis shoes to protect the court.


 waiting until a suitable break in play to walk behind a court, enter or leave a court and then doing so as quickly as possible, closing the gate.

 retrieving balls for your partner and your opponents and doing so with good humour!


 noticing when balls from another court have come over onto your court and returning them promptly to the other court during a suitable break in play. If retrieving a ball, please wait for a suitable break in play.

 leaving the Clubhouse and courts as you would expect to find them, litter free, clean and tidy. **Please take your rubbish home with you!**

 leaving the Club house secure, locked up and lights off. If you have unlocked the clubhouse it is your responsibility to lock it back up, or to ensure that there is someone else with a key who will lock up.

 turning your phone to silent

 talking quietly near courts that are in use.

 the club is a non-profit organisation; NO paid coaching is allowed without the prior permission of the Committee : **Official club coach is Alan Cash**