

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Joanne King (the club's LTA Welfare Officer) at [missjk1966@live.com](mailto:missjk1966@live.com)

As a member, or parent/guardian of a member, of BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB you 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.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their 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.
- Do not speak to any child or adult in a threatening or hostile manner.
- Publicly accept judgments made by officials.
- In the event that your child is picked for a Club match you will organise their transport to and from the venue.
- Ensure the Club Coach or other supervising adult is aware of any medical conditions, whenever the junior takes part in activities organised by the Club.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure they enjoy the game, develop their skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.
- 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 and referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!
- Ensure your child arrives on time for, and is collected punctually after, coaching or play.
- Ensure that your child is always under the supervision of a responsible adult when playing at the Club.
- Junior members should not have access to courts unless under adult supervision.