



# Brooklands Tennis Club

## Players, Parents & Coaches Code of Conduct

This document is not intended to be exhaustive and should be used as a guideline only, in conjunction with the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations of the Main Club and our Safe & Inclusive Code of Conduct. Members can also refer to the Brooklands Complaints, Disciplinary & Appeals Policy in relation to non-adherence to this Code of Conduct.

### **The Player: -**

1. Players will not use inappropriate language and racquet or ball abuse will not be tolerated.
2. Players must show the correct attitude and commitment.
3. Players must play within the rules and treat and respect all equipment, officials, opposition and associated people and in a way that they themselves would be expected to be treated.
4. Players should respect line calls and agree to play a let if a call cannot be agreed upon.
5. Players should focus on every task to the highest level.
6. Players will not mess around or distract other players.
7. Players should not eat or chew gum on the courts.
8. Players should wear appropriate clothing & footwear.
9. Players should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and inform the coach or team captain if they are going to be late.
10. Players should not receive coaching during a match except when players are off court. Coaching involves communication of any kind between a player and a person off court (for example a coach, relative or representative).
11. Players must always shake hands with their opponents/partners at the end of a match.
12. Players should not walk across or behind a court during an active point. Pass as quickly as possible after a point has finished.
13. Players should adhere to the court scheduling order of priority; moving or leaving courts at the end of a game if necessary.
14. Players should bring guests to the Club for a maximum of 4 occasions, at which point they are required to become members of the Club
15. Players should be quiet and considerate to neighbours when leaving the Club at night
16. When representing the club, players will behave in a manner that will not in any way harm the reputation of themselves, tennis and Brooklands Tennis Club.

### **The Parent / Guardian: -**

1. Support your son / daughter and aid the developmental process both on and off the court.
2. Be patient. Steady progression in children is unusual – peaks and plateaus are common. Help your child recognise good performance, not just results.
3. Allow the coaching staff (and volunteer helpers) to run the programme free from external pressures or influences.
4. Behave in a manner that sets a positive example for others and helps your child enjoy their sport.
5. Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play with them.
6. Respect all officials, players, coaches and associated people and behave towards them in a way that you would be expected to be treated yourself.
7. Do not communicate with your child or interfere in play during a match.
8. Discourage challenging/arguing with the officials and publicly accept judgements made by officials.
9. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the coaching team of any changes to circumstances. This includes: - medical (including injuries), photo consent and personal circumstances etc.
10. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure the coach is present before leaving their children and to be there to collect their child promptly at the end of a coaching session.
11. Parent / guardian to ensure that all appropriate fees are paid when due.

### **The Coach: -**

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat them equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of the performance.
3. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
4. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
5. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
6. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
7. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. FAIR Play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
8. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
9. Coaches must maintain their LTA Coach accreditation.
10. Coaches will not tolerate inappropriate language, racquet and / or ball abuse.