



BUNGAY TENNIS CLUB

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

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1. Each Participant must:

- 1.1 conduct themselves, and ensure that any person supporting, working with, treating or assisting them (including any Player Support Person⁶) conducts themselves, in a professional and appropriate manner and in accordance with the highest standards of disciplined and sporting behaviour and integrity, consistent with the LTA's vision and mission, and in the best interests of the Game⁷;
- 1.2 help to create a safe, inclusive, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable environment, both on and off the court;
- 1.3 treat all other Participants (including officials) fairly and with respect;
- 1.4 encourage other Participants to have respect for one another and to conduct themselves with integrity;
- 1.5 not verbally, physically or emotionally abuse any other Participant in any way;
- 1.6 not act or do anything (physically and/or orally) in a violent, threatening, intimidating, harassing or deliberately provocative way or in a way which may reasonably be interpreted as such (which interpretation may arise from the repetitive nature, cumulative effect and/or pattern of behaviour), or which is, or may reasonably be interpreted as, intended to offend, insult, humiliate, ridicule or cause harm or fear;
- 1.7 value diversity, and not unlawfully discriminate against anyone, or treat anyone less favourably or unfavourably, by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, race (including colour, nationality, or ethnic or national origins), religion, belief (including religious, philosophical or lack of belief), sex or sexual orientation, not do anything⁸, on or off the court, that (i) is or may be (a) unsporting, (b) insulting, and/or (c) contrary to the integrity of, adversely affects and/or detrimental to the interests of, the Game, and/or (ii) brings or has the potential to bring the Game, a tennis event, another Participant, themselves, the LTA and/or a sponsor or other commercial partner of the LTA into disrepute;
- 1.8 not use any language, or make any communication or statement, on or off the court (including in e-mail, online, on social networking platforms or on group chat or messaging applications or sites) whether orally or in writing, that is or may be contrary to, or not compliant with, any other standard set out in this Code of Conduct;
- 1.9 not use an audible obscenity and/or make an obscene gesture of any kind (including towards another Participant) while participating in any way in, or in connection with, the Game (including playing, coaching, supporting and spectating);
- 1.10 take responsibility for their actions or conduct, and the effects of those actions or conduct, and not condone conduct that breaches this Code of Conduct;
- 1.11 comply with all rules, regulations, policies, codes of conduct, codes of behaviour, protocols and procedures adopted or issued from time to time by the LTA, the International Tennis Integrity Agency and UK Anti-Doping, and (to the extent applicable) by Tennis Europe, the ITF, the ATP/WTA and/or other governing bodies, associations and committees (as appropriate), including the LTA Disciplinary Code, LTA Competition Regulations, LTA Coach Accreditation Regulations, LTA Official Licensing Regulations and LTA Venue Registration Regulations;
- 1.12 comply with all laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, guidance and advice (including those relating to COVID-19) made or issued from time to time by the UK government (or any other relevant government, or governmental or public health department or authority) which directly or indirectly apply in connection with the Game or tennis in any way, including for participation in or travel (whether domestic or international) in connection with any participation in tennis;
- 1.13 keep confidential any confidential information disclosed to, or obtained by, them in their capacity as a Participant (for example, medical information relating to a player); assist the LTA in ensuring the safety and welfare of children⁹ and adults at risk who are

involved in the Game or tennis in any way by maintaining appropriate standards of conduct and behaviour in their dealings with children and adults at risk in accordance with the LTA Safeguarding Policy¹⁰, and promptly report any concerns or worries to the LTA Safeguarding team;

- 1.14 not commit a criminal offence (or commit any act, or engage in other conduct, that would constitute a criminal offence), whether or not committed/conducted in a tennis context, that the LTA believes would adversely affect the sport, the reputation of the sport, any other Participant, the LTA and/or its commercial partners or sponsors;
- 1.15 not participate in, or in connection with, the Game in any way (including playing, coaching and officiating) having ingested or used or while under the influence (or potentially under the influence) of any (i) drug (except one required for legitimate medical treatment) or illegal substance of any kind, whether or not performance- enhancing, or (ii) "Prohibited Substance" in terms of the LTA Anti-Doping Regulations;
- 1.16 comply with the reasonable directions of the LTA or any official;
- 1.17 if so requested, cooperate fully with any LTA (or other governing or official body) investigation and provide comprehensive, honest and accurate information and responses; and
- 1.18 comply with the spirit and intent of the standards set out in this Code of Conduct.

⁶ **"Player Support Person"**: any coach, trainer, manager, agent, representative, team staff, official, nutritionist, medical or paramedical personnel, any other person working with, treating or assisting a player, or any parent, guardian, carer, family member, relative, or other associate or supporter of a player

⁷ N.B. if a Player Support Person fails to act in a professional and appropriate manner, then sanctions may be imposed upon the player whom they are "supporting", in terms of the LTA Competition Regulations and/or under the LTA Disciplinary Code

⁸ For example, unsporting and/or insulting behaviour might include comments relating to a lack of sporting ability or athletic potential or sporting classification (including wheelchair tennis sport class or sport class status), and/or socio-economic status