

46. CODE OF CONDUCT

All Tennis Players will:

- Play by the rules and etiquette of the game.
- Abide by rules and decisions set down by team captains, leagues and tournament organisers.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis and the club into disrepute.
- Recognize and acknowledge good play during games.
- Members should at all times endeavour to be polite to other members, visitors and staff.
- Members should promote positive aspects of the Club and avoid criticism and adverse comments to non-members.
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match.
- Use his/her best efforts in competitive matches.
- Refrain from use of audible and visual obscenity.
- Refrain from ball/racquet abuse.
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage.
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player or adult.
- Never pass on gossip about another player or adult.
- Never make false allegations against other players or adults.
- Win with grace and lose with dignity.

Young players are entitled to:

- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Be safe and to feel safe.
- Get help against bullies.
- Say no.
- Be listened to.
- Be believed.

Sanctions Policy

The following sanctions will be applied by a Committee member or full committee, to a member of the club that breaks the Club's Code of Conduct. Sanctions 2-4 will be decided on by the Club Committee.

1. A reminder that their action or language is not appropriate;
2. A verbal warning;
3. A written warning;
4. Banned from club membership for a set time;

These sanctions may not be applied in this order if the seriousness of the breach warrants more serious action. Banned members may appeal to the Committee, who may revise or uphold the decision.