

CHEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT



Dated: 8 December 2023

All club members agree:

- To prioritise the well-being of all children and adults at risk, at all times
- To treat all children and adults at risk fairly and with respect
- To be a positive role model. Act with integrity, even when no-one is looking
- To help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off court
- Not to allow any rough or dangerous behaviour, bullying or the use of bad or inappropriate language
- To report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the club Welfare Officer
- Not to use any sanctions that humiliate or harm a child or adult at risk
- To value and celebrate diversity and make all reasonable efforts to meet individual needs
- To keep clear boundaries between professional and personal life, including on social media
- To have the relevant consent from parents/carers, children and adults before taking or using photos and videos
- To refrain from making physical contact with children or adults unless it is necessary as part of an emergency or congratulatory (e.g. handshake / high five)
- To refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol during club tennis activities or coaching sessions
- To ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly outlined and everyone has the required information and training
- To avoid being alone with a child or adult at risk unless there are exceptional circumstances
- To refrain from transporting children or adults at risk, unless this is required as part of a club activity (e.g. away match) and there is another adult in the vehicle
- Not to abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such
- Not to have a relationship with anyone under 18 for whom they are coaching or responsible for
- Not to have a relationship with anyone over 18 whilst continuing to coach or be responsible for them
- To take care when using tennis rackets around others
- To ensure the courts are left rubbish-free
- To play with consideration if playing against players of differing skill levels
- That aggression of any kind will not be tolerated
- That any dangerous/aggressive behaviour by any player must be reported to the Committee

All junior members agree to:

- Be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults
- Play fairly and honestly
- Respect club members, volunteers and officials and accept their decisions
- Behave and respect and listen to your coach
- Take care of your equipment and club property
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, culture, religion or sexual identity
- Not use bad, inappropriate or racist language, including on social media
- Not bully, intimidate or harass anyone, including on social media
- Not smoke, drink alcohol or take drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions or events

- Talk to the club Welfare Officer about any concerns or worries they have about themselves or others

All adult members agree to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their tennis
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Be realistic and supportive
- Never ridicule or admonish a child for making a mistake or losing a match
- Treat all children, adults, coaches and members with respect
- Behave responsibly at the venue; do not embarrass your child
- Accept the official's decisions and do not go on court or interfere with matches
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, and teach them that they can only do their best
- Deliver and collect your child punctually from the venue
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct
- Adhere to your venue's safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations
- Provide emergency contact details and any relevant information about your child, including medical history

This Policy will be reviewed every year (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).