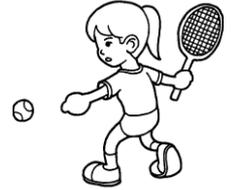




**Congresbury Lawn Tennis Club**  
***Safeguarding Children and Young People***  
**Part A: Everyone including Players & Supporters/Parents**



Everyone who participates in Congresbury LTC is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment. In addition, abuse of any person under the age of 18 will not be tolerated (for simplicity called children in this document). We expect all members of the tennis community to recognise their responsibility to protect and ensure the well-being of all children associated to tennis.

This document relates to all people coming to the tennis club or coming into contact with tennis club members in any capacity, whether player, opponent, supporter, coach or committee member. We take a positive approach to safeguarding children and aim to promote good practice, provide children with appropriate safety/protection whilst in the care of Congresbury LTC and to allow staff and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues.

**Players and supporters** must follow this guidance in this document including the guidance in part B if they notice anything of concern.

1. They must recognise and celebrate the individuality of every child that plays tennis; and additionally acknowledge that children with disabilities or impairments may be additionally vulnerable to abuse, neglect and bullying
2. They must not tolerate the abuse of any child by any tennis people or other person;
3. They must not take photos or videos of anyone under 18 unless the coach or other person has written permission for this specific activity and it has been passed to the secretary for future reference.
4. They must not give anyone under 18 a lift unless there is written permission from the parent.
5. They must not buy anyone under 18 an alcoholic drink.
6. They must report any concerns about children's welfare to appropriate authorities

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**Committee members** must read through the whole policy, ensure it is carried out, and assist members and third parties who raise any concerns or make allegations about matters covered by this policy.

**Coaches, volunteers & employees** must ensure they understand every word of the whole policy and carry it out, including gaining appropriate permissions for coaching and giving lifts.

Allegations or suspicion of abuse concerns must be reported as soon as possible to three people as outlined in part B of this document which can be found on our website at <http://congresburyltc.net/>; they will take action if appropriate and keep records.

Part B of this policy is for any players/supporters who wish to know more or who have a concern. Committee members, coaches, volunteers and employees of Congresbury LTC must be familiar with it.

The following are authorised coaches/volunteers/employees of Congresbury LTC. Anyone not on this list is not authorised to take responsibility for children in any way:

- 1. Dean Cope**
- 2. Thomas Smith**

Committee members are listed on the club website.