

Code of Conduct for Members, Guests & Visitors at FTC

Forres Tennis Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The Club believes that it is important that members (and their guests), visitors, coaches and volunteers of all age groups and parents and/or carers associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others and in the best interest of the Club and its general fabric and surroundings.

Therefore, all the above are encouraged to be open at all times and share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Club initially with the Club Secretary or the Club's Child Protection Officer- See contacts below.

- I. Members of FTC are expected to pay all fees in full to the club for membership and coaching promptly and complete all monthly payments as agreed at the time of applying for membership.
- II. Members of FTC are encouraged and expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct:
- III. All players should play within the rules of tennis and respect officials and their decisions.
- IV. Members may bring guests to the club. The Member is responsible for ensuring their guest comply with the Clubs Code of Conduct and is responsible for the payment of the appropriate Guest fee. The same guest is limited to 6 visits per season.
- V. Members should help promote the Club's ethos of providing a warm welcome to new members and visitors, offering/providing information about the Club and encouragement to join as appropriate.
- VI. All players should respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. Any breach of this rule will not be tolerated by the Club.
- VII. Members should keep to agreed timings for coaching and competitions, or inform their coach or team captain if they become unavailable or are going to be late.
- VIII. All players should wear suitable tennis/sports clothing (coloured clothing is perfectly acceptable) and footwear for recreational play, training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/ team captains.
- IX. The Club operates a No-Smoking policy. Players are therefore requested not to smoke on Club premises or whilst representing the Club at competitions.
- X. Junior players are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the Club premises or whilst representing the Club.
- XI. Other players are not allowed to consume drugs of any kind on the Club premises or whilst representing the Club and should consume alcohol responsibly.
- XII. All members, guests and visitors should pay due respect to the privacy and dignity of the Club's neighbours by not entering their property to retrieve tennis balls or other Club property without the neighbours specific consent, and by not engaging in inappropriate behaviour on or around the courts.
- XIII. Members, guests and visitors should respect Club property, including all equipment, fixtures and furnishings and help maintain them in good condition as if they were their own.
- XIV. Members are expected to help maintain Club security and help reduce energy usage and cost by ensuring that lights, heating and other appliances (unless

specifically required to be kept running such as thermostatic heaters during cold periods) are turned off and the Club secured, if last to leave.

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