

# Goring Tennis Club

## Codes of Conduct and Principles of Participation for Children

### Events Activities and Competitions

Goring Tennis Club is fully committed to promoting the well-being of everyone associated with Goring Tennis. We believe it is important that everyone at the club should at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

#### Fair Play

Fair Play is an essential value in tennis. We are committed to ensuring that tennis is played in a fair, open and inclusive nature at all levels.

Just as relevant in a fun game with friends as it is in a Grand Slam or major tennis tournament, Fair Play includes:

- Good sportsmanship, honesty and respect whether you win or lose
- Learning to challenge yourself and improve social skills
- Taking responsibility for your actions, calling scores and lines clearly and fairly even if it costs you the point
- Learning and following the rules and being a role model to younger people
- Enjoyment of the sport

It is important for everyone to uphold Fair Play both on and off court whether it be players, parents, coaches, officials or volunteers.

#### Principles of participation

##### Children and young people

While these principles mainly apply to players, it is important that parents/carers, staff and volunteers are also aware of and promote them:

- You have a right to enjoy the event.
- Treat others with the same respect and fairness that you would like to be shown
- Display good sportsmanship, honesty and respect whether you win or lose
- Learn to challenge yourself and improve social skills
- Take responsibility for your actions, calling scores and lines clearly and fairly even if it costs you the point
- Learn and follow the rules and be a role model to others
- Respect differences in gender, disability, culture, race, ethnicity, and religious belief systems between yourself and others

- Appreciate that all participants bring something valuable and different to the event
- Show patience with others
- Challenge discrimination and prejudice
- Do not engage in or condone bullying of any sort
- Look out for yourself and the welfare of others
- Do not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- Be organised and be on time
- Take time to thank those who help you take part, whether your family, coach, club or teammates

## Code of Conduct for Children

### All children agree to:

- Be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults
- Play fairly and honestly
- Respect club staff, volunteers and officials and accept their decisions
- Behave, 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, whether they are girls or boys, their ability, race, culture, religion or sexual identity
- Not use bad, inappropriate or racist language, including on social media
- Not bully, intimidate or harass anyone, both on and off court. This includes bullying or intimidation on social media
- Not smoke, drink alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions or events
- Talk to, or email the club Welfare Officer about any concerns or worries they have about themselves or others.

The club's Welfare Officer is Katie Crowley Email: [Welfare.officer@goring-tennis.co.uk](mailto:Welfare.officer@goring-tennis.co.uk)  
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