



## HIGH WYCOMBE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

### Code of conduct for adult members

High Wycombe Lawn Tennis Club aims to provide a tennis venue that is safe, inclusive and has a positive atmosphere so that everyone is able to enjoy playing tennis at this Club. Our code of conduct is designed to support this aim.

The Code of Conduct sets out minimum standards of behaviour, which all members are expected to follow, and seeks to avoid any serious issues arising. So, we expect everyone to respect all members, visitors and spectators regardless of:

- age
- gender
- gender re-assignment
- sexual orientation
- race
- nationality
- ethnic origin
- religion or belief
- ability or disability

And that all members will:

- not use or permit aggressive, offensive or abusive language or behaviour
- encourage fair and safe play
- discourage deliberate hitting a ball hard at another player from close range in social tennis
- discourage disputes over calls
- wear suitable attire including non-marking trainers which have a good grip and are clear of mud/debris
- wait until a suitable break in play to walk behind a court
- wait until a suitable break in play to enter or leave a court
- clear any debris from the courts before playing (e.g. fallen leaves)
- leave the courts and the Clubhouse as we would hope to find them
- ensure that doors to the Clubhouse are locked before leaving
- use of mobile phones should be minimal and considerate
- talk quietly when play is in progress
- welcome new members and players to the Club irrespective of their experience of the game and their level of play

In addition, HWLTC expects that:

- All HWLTC members and club officials show tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity in their dealings with fellow members, club officials, club members' guests, visiting players and social visitors.
- All Club members respect those hiring the venue for group classes or private events, including HWLTC clients and their guests, and not to intrude on the clubhouse during the period in which the clubhouse has been secured for a private rental.
- All Club members respect the work of the coaches, treat the coaches with tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity, and do not intrude or interrupt their work unnecessarily. [\*]
- All Club members bring any disputes or disagreements regarding the management of HWLTC to the attention of the club committee for resolution in a fair and orderly manner.

All coaches working at HWLTC, including assistant coaches, are expected to be LTA or equivalent qualified, and to follow the LTA Code of Conduct as follows:

**The Coach: -**

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat them equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of the performance.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. FAIR Play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches must maintain their LTA Coach accreditation.
- Coaches will not tolerate inappropriate language, racket and / or ball abuse.

## **Code of conduct for children/Junior members**

### **THE TENNIS PLAYER WILL:**

- Play fairly and have fun
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis into disrepute
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Talk to the children's officer if you have concerns
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match
- Use his/her best efforts in competitive matches
- Refrain from the use of bad language and inappropriate gestures
- Refrain from ball / racquet abuse
- Refrain from the use of coaching during competition
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Never pass on gossip about another player or adult
- Never keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm
- Win with grace and lose with dignity

### **EVERY CHILD / YOUTH MEMBER HAS THE RIGHT TO:**

- Be safe
- Be listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment
- Be protected from abuse by other members
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help