



Knutsford Tennis Club (KTC) Code of Conduct for Juniors and Parents/Guardians

Juniors (incls junior visitors)

- Be polite to officials and respect their decisions. Do not show dissent or throw tantrums.
- For safety reasons do not wait in the car park at the beginning or end of coaching or club night. Meet the coach on court or at an agreed meeting point
- Do not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions or matches
- Be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults
- Respect club staff, volunteers and officials and accept their decisions
- Play fairly and honestly
- 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, gender, ability, race, culture, religion or sexual identity
- Do not use bad, inappropriate or racist language, including on social media
- Do not bully, intimidate or harass anyone, including on social media
- Talk to the club Welfare Officer about any concerns or worries they have about themselves or others

Parents and Guardians

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Help your child to recognise good performance not just results. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials. Publicly accept judgements made by officials. At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the



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on-court helpers and referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!

- Support your child by ensuring they travel safely to and from the club, arrive in good time and leave promptly afterwards.
- For coaching sessions and club night make sure a member of the coaching staff is present and has acknowledged the presence of your child/children you are responsible for, before leaving them.
- Outside of official club and coaching sessions, junior members remain your responsibility and the Club cannot be held responsible for their safety and welfare.
- Outside of any venue sessions, such as coaching lessons or tennis camps, we recommend that children under the age of 12 are supervised by their parent/carer whilst at KTC.
- Be patient - steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common. Your first question following any match should be: “Did you enjoy it?” not “Did you win?”
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Treat all children, adults, volunteers, coaches, officials and members of staff with respect
- Behave responsibly at the venue; do not embarrass your child
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct
- Adhere to KTC’s safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations
- Provide emergency contact details and any relevant information about your child including medical history - update Knutsford Tennis Club of any changes to medical conditions and contact details - contact the Membership Secretary on email membership@knutsfordtennisclub.org.uk.

This Policy will be reviewed every two years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation). This Policy is recommended for approval by:

Club Committee Chair : **Bill Jackson**
Club Welfare Officer : **Sonia Amos**

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