



Welcome to Penn & Tylers Green Lawn Tennis Club

A Guide for Parents

Penn & Tylers Green Lawn Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with a member of the Management Team (names listed at the head of the page) or with the coach, Neil James.

Parents & Guardians

As parent or guardian of a junior member of Penn & Tylers Green Lawn Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following behaviour guidelines :

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and to play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain in confidence
- Buy balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in
- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children. Peaks & plateaus are common
- Your final question following any match should be "did you enjoy it", not "did you win?"
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match. Just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!