



Rushmere Tennis Club Code of Conduct

Rushmere Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. We also believe that it is important that members, coaches, players and parents/guardians should show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have with the Chair of the Club or a committee member.

As a member of Rushmere Tennis Club you are expected to uphold the following code of practice:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and matches and inform their team captain if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions.
- Members must pay any fees for matches promptly.
- Everyone must discourage unfair play and arguing with other players from this and other clubs.
- All members and visitors are expected to use correct and proper language at all times.



Etiquette for all club matches/social club nights:

General

- No swearing or shouting.
- Remember to always tap rackets with your opponents/partners at the end of a set/match
- Good sporting behaviour is expected of all members at all times.
- Respect line calls and agree to play a let if a call cannot be agreed upon. Refrain from hitting balls deliberately at opponents and offer apologies for lucky 'net' calls, hitting people accidentally etc.
- Behaviour such as throwing down of rackets, hitting rackets hard on the ground or hitting balls hard at walls etc. in anger is not acceptable.

Format for play at club sessions

- Club night play shall consist of doubles matches restricted to five games.
- The order of play should be by order of arrival.
- Singles may be played if there are 2 odd players and there is a spare court. Singles games should incorporate new arrivals as soon as possible.
- At the end of matches members should "mix in" using the counter system to ensure that those present get an equal opportunity to play with other members.
- Any concerns about the standard of play at club nights should be referred to the committee. Members should not address the issue directly themselves.

Guests

- In accordance with our club rules, non-members may attend 3 club nights for free before requiring to join as a club member.
- Please welcome all new players regardless of ability.



- If you are bringing a guest, a guest fee will need to be paid.

Balls

- Tennis balls are provided by the club and should be kept in the clubhouse.
- Try to only keep 4 balls in use on your own court, if you have more, they belong to another court so send them back at an appropriate time.