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**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**Code of Conduct for Coaches**

Coaches are expected to lead by example:

Respect their position of trust and maintain appropriate boundaries and relationships with young people.

 Avoid discrimination in all its forms

Respect children and gain their trust and be honest with them.

Listen to any concerns that parents or children may have and report any concerns to the Welfare Officer

Read and implement good practice as laid down in the club's Safeguarding Policy.

Create an environment free of fear and harassment/ bullying/ swearing on and off court. Take action if this is happening.

Coaches must demonstrate proper personal behaviour and conduct at all times:

Check that all equipment at the club is fit for the purpose of coaching tennis and that the equipment is safe to use.

Must be fair, honest and considerate to players when coaching tennis

Make a commitment to provide a quality service to tennis players

Provide a safe environment that maximises benefits and minimises risks to tennis players in achieving their goals.

Ensure that weather conditions are suitable for playing and tennis coaching



**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**Committee Members Code of Conduct**

 The Committee members are expected to;

 Act all times within the constitution of the club

 Act fairly and honestly in all matters and consider what is best for the club

 and all members, not just for themselves.

 Disclose to the Committee members before or during any matter being

 discussed where they may have personal, professional, institutional or

 family interests or loyalties which rise to conflict of interest.

 Maintain confidentiality on any matter discussed at Committee meetings or at

 Committee level considered by the Chairperson to be of a sensitive or delicate

 nature and not to be disseminated.

 Involve or seek members support in the planning, leadership, evaluation and

 Decision making regarding all major issues relating to the club and its

 activities

 Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in tennis are made available

 to all members regardless of ability, size, shape, gender, age, disability or

 ethnic origin

 Ensure that club facilities and all equipment are/is safe and appropriate,

 Ensure that adequate supervision is provided to young players by qualified

 and competent coaches capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour

 and skills

 Assist in the creation of an environment where every individual member has

 the opportunity to participate in and enjoy playing tennis and to feel safe when playing



**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**Club Team Match Member's Code of Conduct**

The code advises players on the correct conduct expected of them when they are representing the club at matches or tournaments. It includes general behaviour guidelines, specific advice to players and any accompanying staff/supporters.

General Behaviour Playing for and representing the club in matches or at tournaments can place a certain amount of stress on players anxious about their impending performance or the match result. However, this should not be an excuse for bad manners or an unfriendly attitude towards their opponents.

Players are expected to;

Dress appropriately both on and off court respecting any dress rules laid down in the league rules, their own club, or by the club they are visiting.

Always be punctual for matches.

Remain polite, cheerful and tolerant towards their opponents. No swearing allowed on or off court

Contribute productively to the club's image.

Players must;

Behave in a reasonable and sensible manner, on and off court.

Act in a sporting manner and show respect for their opponents.

Take pride in their appearance.

Show respect and care for the equipment and facilities.



**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**Players Code of Conduct**

 Players are expected to;

 Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good play or shots by

 Their partner or opponent/s

 Play by the rules and be fair in all line calls.

 Never argue with a partner or opponent.

 Treat all players as they would like to be treated

 themselves. They must not ridicule, interfere with

 bully or take unfair advantage of another player.

 Never deliberately manipulate a situation or draw to avoid

 playing with players they consider to be inferior

 Accept whoever they are paired with or against in games, be

 tolerant and understanding and never show aversion to

 playing with someone considered inferior.

 Never display bad sportsmanship or act in a petulant manner when losing.

 Control their temper. Verbal abuse, swearing or deliberately distracting or

 provoking an opponent is not acceptable behaviour in tennis.

 Co-operate with your coach, team captain’s partner and opponent/s.

 without them there would be no competition.

Ensure that all efforts are made to remove verbal and physical abuse on and off the court from tennis members



**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**Parents/Supporters Code of Conduct –**

 **Junior Programme. Mini Programme:**

Parents/supporters should;

 Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don’t force them.

 Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.

 Teach children than an honest effort is as important as success or victory, so that the result of each coaching session or game is accepted without undue disappointment.

 Encourage children to always play by the rules.

Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments.

Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good play by all players.

Accept decisions of all officials or players as being fair and called to the best of

Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.

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**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**A Commitment to Safeguard Children/ Adults**

**From harm**

Ruthin Tennis Club is committed to the prevention of abuse and to the well-being of members, children, young people, vulnerable adults and their families.

Ruthin Tennis Club is committed to acting at all times in the best interest of the children, young people and vulnerable adults to whom it provides a service.

Ruthin Tennis Club is committed to dealing with abuse, suspected abuse or disclosure of abuse in a timely fashion.

Ruthin Tennis Club recognises that the family’s primary role in caring and protecting the child should be valued and maintained. However the child’s safety and wellbeing should have priority.

Ruthin Tennis Club acknowledges that in cases of suspected child abuse, support for families is important.

Ruthin Tennis Club agrees that working in accordance with this policy requires staff to be trained and supported.

Ruthin Tennis Club will ensure any disclosures about alleged abuse are acknowledged and appropriate action taken to ensure the safety of children who make disclosures



**RUTHIN TENNIS CLUB**

**Children / young people have the right to**

Be safe and happy in their activity

Be listened to

Be respected and treated fairly

Enjoy tennis in a protective environment

Be referred to professionals if needed.

Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.

Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability

Experience competition and the desire to win

Be believed if something has happened to them

and are asking for help.

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour from children or adult members will be addressed by the Coach and reported verbally to the Welfare Officer or Chairperson. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in action, investigation, and potentially dismissal from the tennis club.

Parents will be informed at all stages.

Disciplinary action can be appealed to the coach with the final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.