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## TENNIS

### **Members Code of Conduct**

Somer Valley Tennis is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. Somer Valley Tennis actively promotes good sporting conduct and etiquette by its members in all forms of the game, fostering hospitality and social interaction.

### **Safeguarding for Everyone**

We believe that it is important that members, administrators and parents/guardians 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 areas for improvement or concerns or complaints that they may have with either:

Chair of Somer Valley Tennis: **chair@somervalleytennis.org.uk**

Safeguarding Officer of Somer Valley Tennis:  
**safeguarding@somervalleytennis.org.uk**

In addition to the Club's Diversity and Inclusion Policy, all members of Somer Valley Tennis are expected to adhere to the following:

1. All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants of the game regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. For further detail, please refer to the Club's Diversity and Inclusion Policy.
2. All members must play within the rules, discourage unfair play and respect other players, team captains, officials and their decisions.
3. Good sporting behavior is expected by all members at all times. Respect line calls and agree to play a let if a call cannot be agreed upon. Behavior such as throwing down rackets, hitting rackets hard on the ground or hitting balls hard at walls, curtains etc in anger is not acceptable.
4. Never hit balls deliberately at opponents!
5. Members should always use correct and proper language and be respectful of those on court and in the surrounding area. Making verbal insults and swearing is not acceptable.
6. Always complete a session or match with customary handshake (or Covid equivalent) with your opponents and playing partner.
7. Always apologize for lucky 'net' cords, accidentally hitting a player/spectator, etc
8. Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and inform the organizer or their team captain if they are going to be late or cannot attend. This should be done in good time such that new arrangements can be made.

9. Members must wear suitable tennis clothing and footwear for all sessions and matches organized by the club. The clothing worn should not be offensive or political or contain any strong branding. There is no obligation to wear club clothing or any particular colour. The club's aim is to provide an enjoyable tennis environment and not to impose any demands.
10. Members must pay any fees for club sessions or training or events promptly.
11. Members are actively encouraged to promote through their conduct and the conduct and values of Somer Valley Tennis when representing the club.

*Amanda Stonier*

**Signed**.....

*Amanda Stonier*  
**Chair of Somer Valley Tennis**  
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