
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: (Please see Safeguarding policy for more details)

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:

General/Off Court Behavior

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. Treat all members, non-members, visiting teams, coaches, children and parents fairly and with respect and ensure that all members of the club's community, regardless of their ability, have access to its programmes of activities, competitions, and events.
3. When representing the club, members behavior should reflect the conduct promoted by Somer Valley Tennis.
4. Respect all those who work on the club's behalf: everything is achieved by people who volunteer their time and energy, so your co-operation and collaboration is welcome.

Any comments/suggestions (whether complimentary or critical) should be conveyed to the Management Committee in a respectful manner whichever form of communication is used (verbal or written). Please direct written comments to info@somervalleytennis.org.uk. These will be welcomed and given due consideration.

Remember: This is a game we all play for fun and enjoyment – please don't spoil it for yourself or anyone else!

On court behavior

1. If you are playing for Somer Valley in a league match or a friendly competition, remember you are also an ambassador for the club and as such represent the club: competitive play is of course expected, but respect and courtesy can still be offered to your opponents.
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 always expected by all members. 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 deliberately hit balls in anger 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.



Signed.....

Amanda Stonier
Chair of Somer Valley Tennis
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