

Principles of participation

Children and young people

While these principles mainly apply to players, it is important that parents/carers, staff and volunteers are also aware of and promote them:

- treat others with the same respect and fairness that you would like to be shown
- display good sportsmanship, honesty and respect whether you win or lose
- learn to challenge yourself and improve social skills
- take responsibility for your actions, calling scores and lines clearly and fairly even if it costs you the point
- learn and follow the rules and be a role model to others. You have a right to enjoy the event
- respect differences in gender, disability, culture, race, ethnicity, and religious belief systems between yourself and others appreciate that all participants bring something valuable and different to the event
- show patience with others
- challenge discrimination and prejudice
- do not engage in or condone bullying of any sort
- look out for yourself and the welfare of others
- do not take part in any irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour
- be organised and be on time
- take time to thank those who help you take part, whether your family, coach, club or teammates

All parents and carers agree to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their tennis
- Be a positive role model. Act with integrity, even when no one is looking Not use any sanctions that humiliate or harm a child or adult at risk Use appropriate language at all times
- Be realistic and supportive
- Treat all children, adults, volunteers, coaches, officials and members of staff with respect
- Behave responsibly at the venue; do not embarrass your child
Accept the official's decisions and do not go on court or interfere with matches
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, and teach them that they can only do their best
- Deliver and collect your child punctually from the venue Ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct
- Adhere to your venue's safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations
- Provide emergency contact details and any relevant information about your child including medical

Adults working/volunteering at events

- Staff/volunteers should promote relationships with participants and others that are based on openness, honesty, trust and respect. They must not engage with participants in behaviour that is abusive or inappropriate. They must respond to any concerns about a child's or adult at risk's welfare, and work in partnership with other organisations in the child's best interests.
- Staff/volunteers must demonstrate proper personal/professional behaviour at all times, promoting positive role models for the children, young people and adults at risk they are working with. Staff must ensure that children, young people and adults at risk are provided with a safe environment which maximises benefits and minimises risks to them.
- All staff/volunteers must demonstrate commitment to respecting differences between staff and participants in terms of gender, gender alignment, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, disability, culture and religious belief systems.