



Parents and Guardians Code of Practice

Our tennis club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that all members, coaches, parents and guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

When your child/young person/you are using the tennis club, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Encourage your child/young person to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with the officials.
- Help your child/young person to recognise good performance, not just good results.
- Never force your child/young person to take part in any sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child/young person for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept judgements made by the officials.
- Support your child/young person's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Allow your child/young person to play in the mini tennis colour stage they are in. This will ensure they enjoy playing their game, develop their skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child/young person is in.
- Be patient. Steady progress is unusual in children, peaks and plateaus are common.
- Your first question should be "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win"?
- At no stage should you communicate with your child/young person or interfere with on-court helpers and referees during a match –just enjoy the game and let the officials take care of the rules!

Members are encouraged to be open and share any concerns or complaints they may have about any aspect of the club