



Stepps Lawn Tennis Club Code of Practice for Members

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Stepps Lawn Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

Stepps Lawn Tennis Club believes that it is important that members, coaches 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 concerns or complaints that they may have with the President or any committee member.

As a member of *Stepps Lawn Tennis Club*, you are expected to abide by this code of practice.

ALL Members

- Members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- Members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all club members regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for matches and competitions, or inform their team captain or opponent if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for playing.
- Members must pay any fees for matches or events promptly.
- Members must not smoke or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind while playing on the courts.

Parents

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials and their decisions.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Be patient - steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common.
- Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?".
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and officials during coaching, a match or competition – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!