



Codes of Conduct

All coaches, volunteers contractors and members agree to:

- Prioritise the well-being of all children and adults at risk at all times
- Treat all children and adults at risk fairly and with respect
- Be a positive role model. Act with integrity, even when no one is looking
- Help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off court
- Design and use training methods and training programmes that are appropriate to the individual child.
- Not allow any rough or dangerous behaviour, or bullying
- Not swear, and never make sexual or suggestive comments to a child. If a child makes such comments, be prepared to enforce these boundaries in your response.
- Report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the club Welfare Officer
- Not use any sanctions that humiliate or harm a child or adult at risk
- Value and celebrate diversity and make all reasonable efforts to meet individual needs.
- Not discriminate against a child because of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious belief or sexual identity.
- Keep clear boundaries between professional and personal life, including on social media
- Have the relevant consent from parents/carers, children and adults before taking or using photos and videos
- Refrain from making physical contact with children or adults unless it is necessary as part of an emergency or congratulatory (e.g. handshake / high five)
- Refrain from smoking on club premises
- Refrain from consuming alcohol during club activities or coaching sessions (designated social events excepted)
- Ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly outlined and everyone has the required information and training
- Avoid being alone with a child or adult at risk unless there are exceptional circumstances
- Refrain from transporting children or adults at risk, unless this is required as part of a club activity (e.g. away match) and there is another adult in the vehicle
- Not abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such
- Maintain a professional relationship with children and anyone under 18 whom they are coaching or responsible for.
- Be acutely aware of the power that coaches and coaching assistants develop over players in the coaching relationship and avoid any intimacy (sexual or otherwise) with players



Strathblane Tennis Club

All children agree to:

- Be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults
- Play fairly and honestly
- Respect club staff, volunteers and match officials and accept their decisions
- Behave, respect and listen to your coach
- Take care of your equipment and club property
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, culture, religion or sexual identity
- Not use bad, inappropriate or racist language, including on social media
- Not bully, intimidate or harass anyone, including on social media
- Not smoke, drink alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions or events
- Talk to the club Welfare Officer about any concerns or worries they have about themselves or others

All parents and carers agree to:

- Positively reinforce your child and show an interest in their tennis
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Be realistic and supportive
- Never ridicule or admonish a child for making a mistake or losing a match
- Treat all children, adults, volunteers, coaches, officials and members of staff with respect
- Behave responsibly at the venue; do not embarrass your child
- Accept officials' 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
- Keep children under 13 supervised at all times outside organised sessions
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions
- Ensure sunscreen is applied in bright weather
- Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct
- Adhere to your venue's safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations
- Refrain from taking or using photos and videos without permission from the subjects and the club.
- Provide emergency contact details and any relevant information about your child including medical history

See our website for more details of policies and procedures on Safeguarding, Supervision of Children, Use of Changing Rooms, Diversity & Inclusion, ...
