



TARPORLEY TENNIS CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

Tarporley Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club 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 about any aspect of the club with John Venning our Welfare Officer and Chairman or any other member of the Committee.

As a member of Tarporley Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- The club operates a no smoking policy within the club house and on the courts.
- All members to refrain from foul or bullying language. Good example should be set by both senior and junior members.
- All members must refrain from using any form of threatening, racist, intimidating or abusive language towards other players, club officials, coaching personnel or spectators.

Parents

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- 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 referees
- At a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!
- Be responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young persons in your care
- Children left for coaching or holiday club sessions need to be dropped off at the agreed time and collected promptly at the end of the session. Children under 12 years of age should be collected from the club grounds.