

Tennis Lancashire Player/Parent Code of Conduct

Congratulations on being invited to train with Tennis Lancashire. We know you have worked hard to reach this stage, and look forward to working together to help you reach your potential. As the finest talent in our County, you are ambassadors for the County at all times, a responsibility we need you to carry with pride just as we take pride in your performance on court.

Our criteria for selection for squads and teams are based on these expectations, and it is important that you understand them and commit to them. Ability on court is, of course, a core requirement, but must be allied to good behaviour – not only with the County, but at every Tournament and League you play in. Parents have an essential role to play in this, and we require your commitment to these criteria too.

Code of Conduct – Player

1. Players will be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults.
2. Players will play fairly and honestly at all times.
3. Individuals must show the correct attitude and commitment both in matches and in training.
4. When representing the County, players will behave in a manner that will not in any way harm the reputation of themselves or Tennis Lancashire.
5. Players will treat and respect all equipment, officials and their opposition in a way that they themselves would expect to be treated.
6. Players should focus on every task to the highest level.
7. Players will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, culture, religion or sexual identity.
8. Players will not use language that will offend or racist language, including on social media.
9. Players will not bully, intimidate or harass anyone, including on social media
10. Players should talk to the County Safeguarding Officer about any concerns or worries they have about themselves or others.

Code of Conduct– Parent/Guardian

1. Support your child and aid the developmental process both on and off the court.
2. Allow the coach and County staff to run the programme free from external pressures or influences.
3. Behave in a manner that sets a positive example for others and use appropriate language at all times.
4. Never ridicule or admonish a child for making a mistake or losing a match.
5. Treat all children, adults, volunteers, coaches, officials and members of staff with respect
6. Do not discriminate against anyone by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, maternity, race, religion, belief, sex or sexual orientation.
7. Accept official's decisions and do not approach, go on court or in any way interfere during a match.
8. Adhere to the host venue's safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations.
9. Accept responsibility for notifying the County Office or County Coach of any changes to circumstances. This includes: - medical (including injuries), photo consent and personal circumstances etc.
10. Ensure that all appropriate fees are paid when due.
11. Deliver and collect your child punctually from the venue.
12. Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct.

Our sessions are run by LTA Accredited Coaches all under the guidance of our County Coach Danielle Gallagher. These coaches have all signed and agreed a Coaches Code of Conduct.

This Policy and Code of Conduct is reviewed every two years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

This Policy and Code of Conduct is recommended for approval by:

Tennis Lancashire Chair *Mike McBrien*

Date: 01/10/2023

County Safeguarding Officer *Dawn Hepworth*

Date: 01/10/2023