



Code of Practice for Parents/Guardians and Juniors

Tennis Squad is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its players. Tennis Squad believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the organisation's activities 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 organisation.

As a parent of a child at Tennis Squad you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- 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.
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.
- 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 during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!

As a player of Tennis Squad you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:



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- All players must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All players must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Players should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Players must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- Players must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior players are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the Tennis Squad at competitions.
- Junior players are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the Tennis Squad.