

Wadebridge Tennis Club Policy on Access to the Clubhouse for Junior Members

Overall policy

Recognising the club's duty of care towards its junior members and the general requirements for safety and security in and around the Clubhouse:

- Junior members may have access to the clubhouse as part of a junior event or when a parent/carer/session facilitator is present.
- Junior members, age sixteen and over, granted permission by the Club and their parents/carers to use their parents/carers' access code are entitled to use the clubhouse and changing room facilities.
- Responsibility for the security and use of the main door code remains that of the parent/carer.
- In cases where parents/carers allow their junior member/s, age 13 and over, to be unsupervised, (U13's should be supervised at all times), the parent/carer retains responsibility for their child and for the unlocking and locking of the courts (but will not be permitted to use the Clubhouse), and for ensuring the security of the premises after use by their junior member.
- The code to the clubhouse shall not be disclosed by a parent/carer to their junior member/s unless agreed in writing by the Club.
- All requests for an access code are to be sent to wadebridgetennis@gmail.com

Access to the clubhouse

Juniors may have access to the clubhouse as part of a junior event or when a parent/carer is present. Parent/carer code holders have access to the clubhouse and are very welcome to use the kitchen and seating facilities along with their junior members.

Consistent with the policy above, juniors do not have access to the clubhouse unless a parent/carer/session facilitator is present and parents/carers should not disclose the access code to their children. This reflects the Club's 'duty of care' towards all its junior members and recognises that child protection law, and therefore the Club, makes no distinction between minors of different ages.

Parents/carers, however, are in a position to make judgements and, in the case of juniors age 16 or over, may have confidence in the sense of responsibility exhibited by their 'young adult' junior members. They may feel that it is appropriate to share their access code with them and thus provide access to the clubhouse and changing facilities. Should they choose to do so, with written permission from the Club, as with the tennis courts and changing facilities, parents/carers continue to retain responsibility for the wellbeing and behaviour of their junior member and for ensuring the overall security and condition of the clubhouse.

'Young adult' juniors granted this access by their parents and the Club cannot themselves extend this privilege to other junior members nor can they themselves count as an adult for access purposes.

As part of our Safeguarding and Insurance Policies, juniors are not permitted to use any electrical appliances, kitchen knives, glassware or handle any cleaning chemicals. The consumption of

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alcoholic beverages by any individual under the age of 18 is not permitted within the clubhouse or its vicinity.

The costs for any damage or loss to the property or its contents caused by a junior member, may be liable to be paid by the parents/carers, dependent on the circumstances in which this has occurred.

The Club may at any time withdraw this access privilege should it deem it appropriate in certain or all cases.

This policy should be read alongside the following Club policies:

- Safeguarding
- Court etiquette and Code of Conduct
- Diversity and Inclusion
- CCTV
- Compliments, complaints and disciplinary
- Anti-bullying
- Whistleblowing
- Use of changing room
- Online safety and communication
- Photography and filming
- Supervision of Juniors U18
- Health & Safety Policy
- Court Use Rules

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