

# Winscombe Lawn Tennis Club

## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MEMBERS & USERS

Winscombe Lawn Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

Winscombe Lawn Tennis Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians 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 with:**

The Welfare Officer (Sally Thompson: Lodewell Farm, 5 Banwell Road Hutton BS24 9TZ, Tel-01934 812241, email- [sally.thompson1@homecall.co.uk](mailto:sally.thompson1@homecall.co.uk)) or any member of the committee.

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

### ALL Members

- 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 captain 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 or consume alcohol on the premises or whilst representing their team at competitions
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the premises or whilst representing their team

### 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 during a match - just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!