

# WOODLANDS TENNIS CLUB

## JUNIOR POLICY

### OCTOBER 2023

**Safeguarding Statement - Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.**

Woodlands Tennis Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA requirements.

The club's safeguarding policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children and adults at risk are paramount in all circumstances. A copy of the club's safeguarding policy and details of our Safeguarding Officer is available on our website and displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard.

For Woodlands Club Safeguarding Policies please see the website ([clubspark.lta.org.uk/Woodlands](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Woodlands) Tennis Club) or the noticeboard in the clubhouse.

#### **Welfare Officer**

Our Welfare Officer is Lucy Partington and can be contacted via 07886702694 or email [woodlandstenniswelfare@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandstenniswelfare@gmail.com)

#### **Definition of Junior Member**

Any member under the age of 18 years.

Under the of 11 years (year 7 secondary school age) specific guidance applies

#### **Guidance for Junior Members**

Outside of club coaching, the Woodlands Tennis Club provides no supervision of Juniors. As a result, parents/guardian must ensure that, outside of coaching sessions, all Junior members in the under year 7 secondary school age are supervised by a parent/ carer.

#### **Court Bookings / Use of clubhouse**

- Parents/ carers should book courts for juniors.
- Clubhouse: Juniors or any child under 18 years age should not use the clubhouse unless with a parent or carer.
- If there is no coach/adult left at the club and the gate requires locking, juniors will be asked to leave with the last adult in the interests of their safety and club security.
- Juniors are not allowed to buy tokens to play with each other in the evening if unsupervised by parent or carer.

#### **Coaching / Individual coaching**

When working alone, as a minimum all coaches should be LTA Level 2 qualified and in possession of a valid DBS check.

During a coaching session Juniors can be left unsupervised by a parent or carer for individual coaching **when they are in Year 7 or above at secondary school age.**

Within group coaching LTA guidance on recommended ratios for coach to player ratios must be followed. Guidance can be found in the LTA website and displayed within the Club house.

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