

Code of Practice for Members & Users

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

Blewbury Tennis Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians should always 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 club chairman or the club secretary preferably on a face to face basis.

As a member of Blewbury 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 coaching and matches, or inform their coach or team captain if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for coaching and match sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- Members must pay any fees for membership, coaching or match fees promptly.
- Members must look after the club house and toilet facilities. You are expected to clean up after yourself and leave the facilities in the condition you would expect to find them.
- No other sports should be played on the tennis courts due to the risk of damaging the courts or nets or fencing. Footballs are not permitted on the courts.
- Smoking is banned in the clubhouse and toilet.

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!