

Codes of Conduct

For Players, Parents and Coaches

(Please also view the 'Etiquette for Club Players' published on the 'Policies Page' of www.altc.net)

The Player	The Parent/Guardian	The Coach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players will not use inappropriate language. Racket or ball abuse will not be tolerated. • Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach. • Individuals must show the correct attitude and commitment. • Players will treat and respect all equipment, officials, opposition and associated people in a way that they themselves would expect to be treated. • Players should focus on every task to the highest level. • Players will not mess around or distract other players. • Junior members must show respect to their coaches, collect tennis balls when asked and be aware of the safety of others during training sessions. • Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly. • Players will treat the clubhouse and courts in a responsible way. • When representing the Club/County players will behave in a manner that will not harm the reputation of themselves, tennis and the Club/County. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support your son/daughter and aid the developmental process both on and off the court. • Allow the coach and staff to run the programme free from external pressures or influences. • Behave in a manner that sets a positive example for others. • Use correct and proper language at all times. • Respect all officials, players, coaches and associated people and behave to them in a way that they themselves would expect to be treated. • Ensure that all appropriate fees are paid when due. • 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. • Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; 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 during a match - just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat them equally within the context of the sport. • Coaches must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of the performance. • Coaches must develop a professional working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect. • Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance. • Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players. • Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach. • Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. FAIR Play). • Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance. • Coaches must maintain their LTA Coach accreditation. • Coaches will not tolerate inappropriate language, racket and/or ball abuse.