



# CODE OF CONDUCT

## COACH/PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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# Coaches

## **When representing Surrey, coaches will:**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including but not restricted to officials, opposing players, coaches and spectators.
- Adhere to the rules and spirit of the game.
- Be a positive role model at all times.
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the Officials decisions.
- Never engage in criticism of the officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

## **When working with players coaches will**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Create a safe, fun and fair environment.
- Not consume alcohol when responsible for players Under 18, and will not let players consume alcohol.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Be aware of and have a basic understanding of the Surrey Tennis safeguarding standards which are available on the Surrey Tennis website.
- To raise any Safeguarding issues or concerns to the Surrey County Safeguarding Officer whose contact details can be found on the Surrey Tennis website.

# Parents

- Remember tennis players play for fun and enjoyment.
- Applaud effort and fair play as well as success.
- Always respect the referee's or umpire's decision.
- Contact the coach or official if they think the players have a line call or score issue and not get involved themselves.
- Stay off court and do not interfere in the match i.e. talk to or distract players.
- Show respect to other players, their parents and officials.
- Encourage players to respect their opposition, referee and umpires
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake.
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language/behaviours.
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# Players

**When representing Surrey, players will adhere to the highest standards of behaviour, attitude and respect both on and off court. Players will:**

- Always play to the best of their ability.
- Take responsibility for their actions.
- Play by the rules and play fairly.
- Respect their team, opponents, coaches, the officials and spectators.
- Call the score and lines fairly and let officials resolve any problems.
- Support the team at matches.
- Listen and respond to what the coach tells them.

- Always be on time for County practices, County matches.
- Wear team kit as directed by the team captain.
- Follow all guidelines including own room rules and sleeping times.
- Never enter an adult's room if aged under 18.
- Not consume alcohol before/during county training/matches or on trips.
- Talk to someone they trust if unhappy about anything within the team.