

Clarkston Bowling & Tennis Club - Tennis Section

Code of Conduct for Tennis Parents/Guardians



Clarkston LTC (the Tennis Section of Clarkston Bowling & Tennis Club) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. We believe that it is important that members, visitors, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the Club 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 about any aspect of the Club with any member of the Tennis Committee.

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards and behaviour guidelines that are expected of all parents/guardians. It has been created to ensure that everyone can experience a safe, welcoming and friendly environment, and should be followed by everyone at all times when using any of the facilities at the Club.

Parents/guardians of members of Clarkston LTC are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with coaches/officials
- Publicly accept judgements made by coaches/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
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their tennis
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them; this will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in
- 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
- Always ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the activity and has plenty to drink
- Keep the club informed if your child is unable to attend sessions or matches
- Keep coaches informed of any changes in their child's health or if they have any injuries
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of a session
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Follow the guidelines in our Sun Safety Policy