

Duffield Lawn Tennis Club Codes of Conduct.



All members must:

- Play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. Adult members should treat juniors with courtesy.
- Be aware of our safeguarding, diversity and inclusion policies including:
 - Reporting allegations of abuse or poor practice to the welfare officer
 - Valuing and celebrating diversity
 - Avoiding being alone with junior members.
- Not bully, intimidate or harass anyone, including on social media
- Understand and respect that people have different motivations for taking part.
- Use appropriate language.
- Pay any fees for coaching or events promptly.
- Adhere to the following court etiquette:
 - Wear suitable kit for training and match sessions including wearing a shirt regardless of the temperature.
 - Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team captain if they are going to be late.
 - When arriving, signal politely to the players on court that has been booked and that you are waiting, but allow them time to finish the present game before claiming your court.
 - Serve when the opponent is ready.
 - The server should call the score after each point.
 - If a train is passing, do not serve until it has passed.
 - Each side should call their own lines, the call is the opponents' if the ball is at their end.
 - A foot-fault takes place if the foot touches either the baseline or the court before the racket touches the ball during serve.
 - If the ball goes onto another court, wait for a pause in play before asking for it to be returned or fetching it. Return balls to other courts politely.
 - Always go round the net, not over it.
 - Do not walk behind players if they are playing a point. Where there are dedicated gates from the paths, please use these. Do not walk across courts even if there is a pause in play.
 - During organised social tennis, play a tiebreak at 4-4 if others are waiting.
 - Only use the floodlights in accordance with planning permission conditions, with switch-off times of 10pm, except during May June and July when this period is extended to 10.30pm for the completion of matches.
 - Players should not use their mobile phone on court.
 - Spectators should consider players' feelings and not offer advice, make adverse comments or call out during games. Speak quietly if phone use is essential.

Please note:

- Smoking is not permitted anywhere. Nor are drugs.
- Members bringing their children to the courts must ensure they behave well and prevent any annoyance to other players.
- Members should avoid bringing dogs onto club premises. Except guide dogs for the blind, they are never allowed on court areas nor inside the club house. All dogs must be kept quietly on a lead. Any person with an unruly dog will be asked to remove it.

ADDITIONALLY:**Junior members agree to:**

- Be polite, friendly and respect other members, coaches and officials.
- Take care of personal and club equipment.
- Play fairly and honestly.
- Talk to the club Welfare Officer about any concerns or worries.

Juniors may participate in adult events/teams at the discretion of coaches and relevant captain(s), based on maturity and skill. Juniors below the age of 12 should be accompanied inside the club house by an adult.

Parents and guardians should:

- Show an interest in their child's tennis.
- Never force their child to take part in sport.
- Ensure their child understands what is expected of them and the importance of fair play.
- Encourage their child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials, and publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Help their child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performance by any player.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Respect the coaches' decisions on the level of tennis appropriate for their child.
- Purchase appropriate balls and rackets.
- Not communicate with their child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match.
- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaux are common.
- Behave responsibly and not embarrass their child.
- Provide emergency contact details and appropriate consent for participation in teams, lifts to matches/events with adults etc.
- Deliver and collect their child punctually.

Coaches must:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat them equally within the context of the sport.
- Place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including performance development.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.

- Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- 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.
- Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. FAIR Play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Maintain their LTA Coach accreditation.
- Ensure members adhere to codes of conduct and policies.
- Keep clear boundaries between professional and personal life including social media, photographs etc.

Concerns:

Any adult or child who believes that our code of conduct has not been followed should discuss their concerns with an appropriate coach, committee member or the welfare officer, either formally or informally. Further details of how to report a concern can be found on the notice board in the Safeguarding, Diversity and Inclusion and Whistle Blowing policies or on the club website. Contact details of all relevant officers can also be found on the notice board and website.

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