



Maree Tennis Club Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

Parents and Carers play a key role in the promotion of an ethical approach to sport and young people's enjoyment of the game. Parents/guardians therefore need to be aware and involved in promoting a safe environment for children to enjoy their participation in sport.

Parents and Carers should support the implementation of best practice policies by following the guidance below:

- Abide by the Club's procedures and policies.
- Understand and ensure your child/children abides by the Code of Conduct for Young People.
- Have an awareness of and respect for Leaders and other adults and their roles within the Club.
- If you wish to raise an issue with a Leader, this should be addressed with the Leader in an appropriate manner and not in front of children and young people. In the first instance, address
- issues relating to child protection with one of our Children's Officers.
- Respect and abide by the decisions made by the Committee and other Leaders. These should be made in the best interests of the children in the Club.
- Understand the complaints process and follow the proper procedure if you feel unjustly treated, with the knowledge that any complaint will be dealt with effectively and confidentially.
- Contribute your time and effort in the daily running of the Club. No club can operate successfully and safely without the help of volunteers.
- It is your responsibility for delivering and collecting your child/children. Parents/carers should ensure they do not leave their child/children waiting unsupervised at any time.
- Ensure the environment is safe and enjoyable for your child/children.
- Promote fair play and the positive aspects of our sport.
- Be a role model for your children and young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and respectful behavior.
- Promote that participation for children in tennis should be fun, safe and that winning is not the main objective.
- Ensure appropriate leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning your child.
- You should have the opportunity to put forward suggestions and comments.
- Provide the Club with appropriate information in relation to your child and with emergency contact information.

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Children must be encouraged to realize that they also have responsibilities to treat other children and Sport Leaders with fairness and respect.

In Tennis you should:

- Be happy, have fun and enjoy taking part and being involved in your sport.
- Be treated fairly by everyone, including adults and other players.
- Feel safe and secure when you are taking part in your sport.
- Be listened to and allowed to reply.
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.
- Have a voice in the decisions that affect you within the club and organization.
- Say 'no' to something which makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Train and compete at a level that is suitable for your age, development and ability.
- Know that any details that are about you are treated with confidentiality, but if you are at risk of harm or we are worried about your safety, we may need to pass this information on.
- Know who to go to if you feel unsafe.

Your responsibilities are to:

- Treat all sports leaders/coaches with respect.
- Be fair at all times, do your best to achieve your goals, and be gracious if you do not achieve your goals.
- Respect other players and your opponents.
- Be part of the team, and respect and support other team members both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Never bully or use bullying actions against another person. You should never hurt other team members or your opponent, and this includes never taking or damaging their property and never spreading rumors or telling lies about other young people or adults.
- Take part in your tennis without cheating. You are responsible for not cheating and must not allow others to force you to cheat.
- Listen to and respect decisions made by others. If you feel unjustly treated, you can talk to your Club Children's Officer or to your parents.
- Behave in a manner that is respectful towards your organization and your club.
- Never use violence or bad language and do not shout or argue with leaders, teammates or opposing players. Talk to someone if you are upset or angry or if someone has caused you to be upset or angry.
- Talk with your Coach or Club Children's Officer if you have any difficulties or do not understand something. You should never keep secrets about any person who may have caused you harm or has made you feel upset.
- Do not, and do not allow others to make you, try or take banned substances to improve your performance