



CODES OF CONDUCT, COACH, PARENTS, PLAYERS

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COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

When representing Sussex, 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 behavior.
- Always respect the Officials decisions.
- Never engage in criticism of the officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behavior.

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 behavior and performance.
- Be aware of and have a basic understanding of the Tennis Sussex safeguarding standards which are available on the Tennis Sussex website.
- To raise any Safeguarding issues or concerns to the Tennis Sussex Safeguarding Officer whose contact details can be found on the Tennis Sussex website.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- 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/behaviors.

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PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

When representing Sussex, 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, 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 the team kit as directed by the team captain.
- Follow all guidelines including your 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.

These policies were last reviewed on 27th November 2023 and will be reviewed every three years (or earlier if there is a change required).

This Policy was approved by Tennis Sussex Management Board meeting on 27th November 2023

Martin Carpenter, Tennis Sussex Chair.

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