



Code of Conduct and Playing Like a Champion at Wells Tennis Club

At Wells Tennis Club, we are committed to creating a positive, inclusive, and respectful environment where everyone—players, parents, supporters, and visitors—can enjoy tennis. Our code of conduct ensures that we maintain this standard and that everyone can play, learn, and grow. Let us all strive to embody the spirit of a champion!

General Code of Conduct for All Members and Visitors

- Be kind, friendly, and welcoming to everyone, especially new players.
 - Respect coaches, club staff, other players, visitors, and equipment.
 - Uphold honesty and integrity both on and off the court.
 - Avoid bullying, bad language, or disrespectful behaviour—such conduct will not be tolerated.
 - Keep the club clean and tidy by disposing of litter and treating facilities with care.
 - Follow instructions from coaches and the club team promptly and respectfully.
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Code of Conduct for Adults

- Lead by example by demonstrating respect, fairness, and good sportsmanship.
- Treat all players, coaches, and staff courteously, win or lose.
- If playing in matches or group sessions, ensure inclusivity and fairness to all participants.
- Address any disputes calmly and through the appropriate club channels.

- Refrain from behaviour that disrupts others' enjoyment of the game or club environment.
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Code of Conduct for Juniors: Play Like a CHAMPION

Coaches: Always show respect to coaches and volunteers.

Honesty: Play fairly, never cheat, and call scores and lines clearly. When in doubt, give the point to your opponent.

Attention: Stop, listen, and follow instructions when asked.

Motivation: Always try your best in warm-ups, drills, and matches.

Persevere: Work hard to improve, even when a new skill feels tricky.

Include: Make sure everyone feels welcome and included.

Optimism: Stay positive, even if things aren't going your way.

Never give up: Keep trying your hardest no matter what happens.

Additional Notes for Juniors

- Always inform your coach if you need to leave the premises. For children, ensure a parent/guardian is present to collect you before leaving the club.
 - Treat club equipment with respect.
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Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

- Encourage your child to follow the club's code of conduct and play with integrity.
 - Be supportive and positive—avoid criticizing players, coaches, or referees.
 - Respect the decisions of coaches, officials, and the club team.
 - Ensure that your child is collected promptly after their session.
 - Raise any concerns through appropriate channels rather than during a session.
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Bad Conduct Disciplinary Procedure

The club reserves the right to address breaches of this code swiftly and fairly. The following steps will be taken for players, parents, adults, or visitors exhibiting poor or bad conduct:

1. **Verbal Warning:** The individual will be spoken to about their behaviour by a coach, committee member, or Welfare Officer.
2. **Written Warning:** If the behaviour continues, the individual will receive a formal written warning. Parents/guardians (if applicable) will also be informed.
3. **Temporary Suspension:** Continued issues will result in a temporary suspension from the club. Parents/guardians will be informed in the case of juniors.
4. **Membership Cancellation:** Persistent misconduct will lead to membership cancellation, a ban from the club, and notification to the Tennis Committee.

By following this code, we can all ensure a positive, safe, and enjoyable environment for everyone at Wells Tennis Club. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to playing like a true champion!