



Code of Conduct

for Parents/Carers, Spectators, Coaches and Players

Tennis Wollongong's commitment to safeguarding children

- Tennis Wollongong is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child who takes part in our competitions or activities
- Tennis Wollongong is committed to provide children with a positive and nurturing experience
- Tennis Wollongong will support families and clubs to promote the healthy development and wellbeing of our child participants
- Tennis Wollongong will strive to protect and ensure our children are not abused or harmed during their involvement with our competitions/activities
- Tennis Wollongong will listen to our children's concerns that are raised with us
- Tennis Wollongong will not ask for consent from children or parents/carers to disclose information to police, regulatory authorities in the event we have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child
- Tennis Wollongong believes all children whatever culture/language/religion will be able to participate in tennis competitions in a fun and safe environment
- Tennis Wollongong is committed to supporting parents/carers to protect their children
- Tennis Wollongong will aim to be transparent in our decision making with parents/carers as long as doing so does not compromise the safety of the child or breach any confidentiality
- Tennis Wollongong is committed to the health and safety of its players and spectators and therefore we ask players and spectators to follow the health regulations of the day as advised by NSW Health and Tennis NSW.

Behaviour that is encouraged

- Clapping good points for all players in a match
- Good sportsmanship from your child
- Allow officials/children to resolve any on court situations without parent/spectator interference
- Encourage your child in a positive and non-aggressive manner
- Having a development oriented focus

Behaviour that is NOT acceptable

- Cheering or clapping when an opponent makes mistakes
- Being aggressive or intimidating towards a child, competition staff member or spectators
- Putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their oppositions' performance
- Coaching children from the sidelines (verbal or physical signalling)
- Getting involved in line calling, score calling or court conflict
- Swearing or using derogatory language while at a competition venue

Players

- Servers are to call out the score before every point
- Players make the line calls on their side of the net
- Seek help from the court supervisor if difference of opinion in calling of point or score
- Return balls from your side of the net to the server in a respectful manner
- Acknowledge good performance
- Not to use unsporting behaviour
- Promote respect for opponents
- Not to use violence in any form
- Do not provoke or distract opponent players
- Play by the rules and respect decisions by officials and opponents
- Be modest in success and generous in defeat by shaking hands at end of match
- Be competitive, have fun and improve skills

Consequences for breaches of this code of conduct include either:-

- Called before the Tennis Wollongong Junior Committee;
- Called before the Tennis Wollongong Judicial Committee;
- Name submitted to Tennis NSW and Tennis Australia for their action;
- Suspension of player in current competition.

Player Signature _____ Date_____

Print Player full name _____

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Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date_____

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