



CONDUCT FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS

PARENTS / GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Complete and return the Form pertaining to their child's participation in Leinster Squads
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches.
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat-tops, hat, gloves etc...
- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions
- To inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a coaching session
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best i.e. focus on effort rather than performance
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines
- Show appreciation and support the coach
- Ensure their child is punctual
- Be realistic
- Accept the official's judgement
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the coaches who often provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Not ignore or dismiss complaints expressed by a child

Parents/Guardians have the right to:

- Know their child is safe
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children
- Be informed if their child is injured
- Have their consent sought for issues such as trips
- Contribute to decisions within the squads
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by Leinster Tennis. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend games if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean Leinster Tennis regrettably asking the child to leave the Leinster Squad.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

THE JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYER WILL:

- Play fairly and have fun
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis into disrepute.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Talk to the children's officer if you have concerns
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match
- Use his/her best efforts in competitive matches
- Refrain from the use of bad language and inappropriate gestures
- Refrain from ball/ racquet abuse
- Refrain from the use of coaching during competition
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Never pass on gossip about another player or adult
- Never make false allegations about another player or adult
- Never keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm
- Win with grace and lose with dignity

EVERY JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYER HAS THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe
- Be listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help