



Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct for Young People

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As a Junior Member of Dunboyne Tennis Club, you are expected to abide by the Club's Code of Conduct for Young People set out below. Under the Code, you have certain responsibilities including treating other junior members, your coaches and sports leaders with fairness and respect. And indeed, you can expect similar treatment in return.

This Code forms just one part of the overall Child Safeguarding Policy of the Club designed to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for you as a Junior Member.

As a Junior Member, you should:

- Be happy, have fun and enjoy taking part and being involved in your sport.
- Be treated fairly by everyone, 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 organisation.
- Say no to something which makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Train and compete at a level that is suitable for your age, development and ability.
- Understand that any details that are known about you will be treated with confidentiality. However, if you are at risk of harm or, if the Club has concerns about your safety we may need to pass this information on to the relevant authorities.
- Know who to go to if you feel unsafe.

As a Junior Member, your responsibilities are as follows:

- Treating all sports leaders/coaches with respect.
- Being fair at all times, doing your best to achieve your goals; being gracious if you do not achieve your goals.
- Respecting other players and your opponents.
- As a member of a team, respecting and supporting other team members both when they do well and when things go wrong;
- Never bullying or using bullying actions against another person; never hurting other team members, athletes or your opponent, this includes never taking/damaging their property, never spreading rumours or telling lies about other young people or adults.
- Keeping to the rules and guidelines set by Tennis Ireland, the Leinster Tennis Council and your Club and making sure you understand the rules.
- Taking part in your tennis without cheating - you are responsible for not cheating and must not allow others to force you to cheat.
- Listening to and respecting decisions made by others; if you feel unjustly treated you can talk to your Club Children's Officer or your parents;
- Behaving in a manner that is respectful towards your club.
- Never using violence or bad language; never shouting or arguing with leaders, team mates or opposing participants – talk to someone if you are upset or angry or if someone has caused you to be upset or angry.
- Talking 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 make you - try or take banned substances to improve your performance.



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Declaration

I have read the Code of Conduct for Young People set out above and agree to abide by the guidelines set out in the code.

Name of Player (please print):

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print):

Signature of Player:

Signature of Parent/Guardian*:

Date: _____

Date: _____

**Please note that the person signing as Parent or Guardian must ensure that they have parental responsibility for the child.*