



# Dunboyne Tennis Club

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## *Child Safeguarding Travel Policy*

### ***Scope of Policy***

This policy deals with a number of matters which come under the general heading of Travel but which includes transport, supervision and behaviour in respect of away matches.

### ***General Requirements***

Young players should be under reasonable supervision at all times and should never leave the match venue or go unsupervised without prior permission. Alcoholic drink, smoking and other illegal substances/activities are forbidden to participants. Leaders should act as role models in this respect.

On away matches, coaches will be accountable to the Group Leader/Team Manager appointed by the Club in all non-performance related matters.

In the event of an occurrence of an accident and/or incident, reports should be completed by the Group Leader/Team Manager.

### ***Overnight & Away trips***

It is important to note that Dunboyne Tennis Club ***does not organise*** overnight or extended away trips for Junior members. Should this however become relevant then Tennis Ireland's Travel & Hosting Policy as set out in Appendix 9 to their *Safeguarding Guidance for Children and Young People in Tennis* will apply.

### ***Supervision - Away Matches***

The level of supervision for away matches will be 6 children per adult. There will be at least one adult of each gender with mixed groups. All adults who travel to away matches will be carefully chosen, using the club's recruitment and selection procedures. One of the adults will be appointed as Group Leader/Team Manager. He/she will have overall responsibility for the conduct of all members of the team (including adult supervisors).

Written permission of parents/guardians allowing their child/children to take part must be obtained for all away matches. This will include permission to travel and information on any medical/special needs of the child (including permission to treat the child).

Children will be reminded of their obligation to abide by the club's Code of Conduct for Young People.



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## ***Transporting Junior Members***

There are additional and specific responsibilities on adults and leaders when transporting young people to club organised events.

In this regard, adults transporting young people should:

- Ensure there is adequate insurance on their car and that they follow the rules of the road, including the legal use of seat belts;
- Ensure they do not carry more than the permitted number of passengers; and,
- Avoid being alone with one passenger. child passengers will travel only in the back seat.

A central drop off location will be agreed in advance including clearly stated times of pick-up and drop-off. If something happens to cause a delay to the drop-off time the group leader/team manager will phone one of the parents to inform them. The parent phoned will be asked to inform all other parents at the drop-off point. Under no circumstances should a lone adult have a lone child passenger (other than one of their own children) in their car.

Parents are advised to check with young people about the travel plans for away matches, listen to what the young people are saying and be sure they are happy with the transport arrangements.