



Glenageary LTC and Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct for Juniors and Parents Code for Young People

As children you have a great deal to gain from tennis in terms of your personal development and enjoyment. The promotion of good practice in tennis will depend on the co-operation of all involved, including children and older members of the club. As Under 18's, you must be encouraged to realise that you also have responsibilities to treat other children and Sport Leaders with fairness and respect.

All Junior members are required to abide by the following code of conduct:

- Play fairly and have fun.
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers & coaches 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 in confidence to one of the Children's Officers (Junior Co-ordinator or Child Protection officer) if I have any concerns at all about my club, activities in the club or any member of the club.
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match.
- Use my 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 me harm.
- Win with grace and lose with dignity.

I have read the GLTC and Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

Glenageary LTC believes that parent/guardians should:

- Be a role model for their child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with young people, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect a player or the outcome of the game.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the officials and volunteers who provide sporting and recreational opportunities for their child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, umpires, coaches or organisers.
- Respect convenors, professionals, coaches, referees, umpires, organisers and other players. Parents are welcome to attend events and coaching sessions but should not interfere with the coach or organiser while working with the player. Parents are welcome to observe coaching from the outside of the court. They may only remain courtside with the permission of the coach.
- Not interfere between junior players during matches. If there is a dispute on court, the parent must not get involved. A member of the coaching team will resolve the issue, not the parent.
- Not be present on court during junior matches, unless they are umpiring an U10 match. Parents are very welcome to watch from outside of the court.
- Encourage their child to play by the rules of tennis. Teach their child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on all sides. Encourage mutual respect for other junior members, teammates and opponents.
- Support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

As a Parent / Guardian I will:

1. Understand and ensure my child understands and abides by the Club Code of Conduct.
2. Respect the rules and procedures set down by GLTC and the Irish Sports Council Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.
3. Respect my child's teammates and leaders as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams. I will and I will encourage my child to treat other participants, professionals, coaches, convenors, selectors and managers with respect.
4. Give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.

5. Respect my child's leader(s) and coaches and support his/her efforts.
6. Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events whether within the club or outside.
7. Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.

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