



Appendix 13: GLTC Child Supervision Policy

Policy Statement

GLTC is committed to providing the safest possible environment for all members under 18. We fully support the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport published by Sport Ireland and promoted by Tennis Ireland. This policy outlines our approach to supervision, safeguarding, and child protection, incorporating both GLTC's existing practices and the latest Tennis Ireland guidance.

Key Principles

- The welfare of children is paramount.
- All children, regardless of age, ability, gender, religion, or background, have the right to enjoy tennis in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment.
- All adults involved in children's tennis are responsible for safeguarding and must act in accordance with this policy.

Supervision of Children's Activities

- **Adult/Child Ratios:** For all club activities, the recommended supervision ratio is 1 adult to 8 children (under 12) and 1:10 (over 12). For trips/overnight stays, the ratio is 1:6, with at least one adult of each gender for mixed groups.
- **Presence:** More than one adult should be present at all times to ensure safety and protect both children and adults.
- **Changing Facilities:** Children should be supervised in changing rooms only when necessary (e.g., very young or those needing assistance), and always by two adults of the appropriate gender. Adults should not change or shower at the same time as children.
- **Late Collection:** If a parent is late, two adults must remain with the child until collected.