

WARSASH TENNIS CLUB (WTC)



Code of Practice

WARSASH TENNIS CLUB (WTC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

The club believes that it is important that members, participants, coaches, administrators, parents and spectators associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with **Denis Franks, Chair** - tennis@warsashtennisclub.net

Members or Participants

As a member or participant of Warsash Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late
- Members must wear suitable kit for social play, coaching and match sessions, as agreed with the coach
- Members must pay any fees for matches, coaching or events, promptly
- Members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club

Parents or Guardians of Junior Members or Participants

As a responsible parent or guardian of a child attending Warsash Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials
- Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them.
This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in
- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common
- Your first question following any match should be: “Did you enjoy it?” not “Did you win?”
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____