



## Code of Conduct for Members & Users

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The Avenue Tennis Club (The Avenue) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

The Avenue believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians 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 with the club chairman or the club secretary.

As a member of The Avenue you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

### All Members

- 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 captain if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.

### Juniors

- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on the premises or whilst representing their team at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the premises or whilst representing their team.

### Parents

- 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.
- 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!

**All participants in the game, including all players, those who are supporting (including parents), coaches, officials and volunteers are expected to adhere to the LTA code of conduct**  
<https://www.lta.org.uk/494b8d/siteassets/about-lta/file/lta-code-of-conduct.pdf>

#### **Policy updates**

All Avenue Policies are reviewed and updated annually.