



## CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

### General

As a member of Beckenham Sports Club and WAM Tennis, you are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Operate within the rules of the sport
- Do not use your involvement with Beckenham Sports Club or WAM Tennis Club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Beckenham Sports Club or WAM Tennis Club
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under the age of 18 years, as your words and actions are an example
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years, wherever possible
- Refrain from any form of harassment of others
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Beckenham Sports Club or WAM Tennis into disrepute
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured
- Be a positive role model
- Understand the repercussions if you breach this code of conduct/ behaviour
- Casual clothing can be worn on court, but you must wear correct tennis or training shoes



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### Players:

- Play by the rules
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether made by your team or the opposition
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, race, cultural background or religion or sexual identity
- Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club

### When you take part in Team Competitions

- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition



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### Coaches

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun
- Never ridicule or yell at players, whatever age
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Operate within the rules and spirit of tennis and teach your players to do the same
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, race, cultural background or religion or sexual identity



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### Parents and Guardians

As a **parent/guardian** of a player/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of WAM Tennis at Beckenham Sports Club you are expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, race, cultural background or religion or sexual identity
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Remember that your child or children participate in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Never punish or ridicule at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players)
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under the age of 18 years, as your words and actions are an example
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire and so on)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Be a positive role model. Use correct and proper language at all times
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour
- 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 skills and gain confidence