



## Code of Conduct

### Club Commitment Statement

*Our Club is committed to providing a safe, friendly, inclusive, and enjoyable environment where people of all ages and abilities can participate in beach tennis, develop their skills, and enjoy the sport with mutual respect and good sportsmanship.*

#### 1. Purpose

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected of all members, guests, coaches, volunteers, officials, and visitors at the Club. It is designed to create a safe, inclusive, welcoming, and enjoyable environment for everyone participating in beach tennis.

#### 2. Core Values

All participants are expected to:

- Treat others with respect, dignity, and fairness.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- Promote an inclusive and welcoming environment.
- Play honestly and abide by the rules of beach tennis.
- Support the Club's commitment to safeguarding and welfare.

#### 3. Respect and Inclusion

Members and visitors must:

- Respect fellow players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators.
- Refrain from discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, or abusive behaviour.
- Welcome participants regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or playing ability.
- Use appropriate language both on and off court, including on social media.

The Club operates a zero-tolerance policy towards discrimination, harassment, or abuse.

#### 4. Sportsmanship and Conduct on Court

All players must:

- Play within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Respect opponents and match officials.

- Accept decisions made by tournament organisers, coaches, and club officials.
- Avoid unsporting behaviour, including:
  - Deliberately distracting opponents.
  - Excessive arguing.
  - Offensive language or gestures.
  - Throwing equipment.
  - Deliberate damage to facilities.

Players should win with humility and lose with dignity.

## **5. Health, Safety and Welfare**

All members are responsible for:

- Taking reasonable care of their own safety and that of others.
- Following instructions from coaches, event organisers, and club officials.
- Reporting hazards, accidents, injuries, or safeguarding concerns promptly.
- Using equipment appropriately and safely.
- Ensuring they are fit to participate in physical activity.

Members must not participate while under the influence of illegal drugs or any substance that may impair judgement or performance.

## **6. Safeguarding**

The Club is committed to safeguarding children and adults at risk.

All members must:

- Respect safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Report concerns regarding welfare, abuse, or inappropriate behaviour immediately to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Maintain appropriate boundaries when interacting with children and vulnerable adults.
- Avoid any behaviour that could place themselves or others at risk.

## **7. Social Media and Communications**

Members should:

- Use social media responsibly.
- Avoid posting content that could damage the reputation of the Club or its members.
- Not engage in online bullying, harassment, or abusive communications.
- Respect privacy and obtain permission before sharing images of others, particularly children.

## **8. Facilities and Equipment**

Members and guests must:

- Treat club facilities, courts, and equipment with care.
- Dispose of litter responsibly.

- Leave facilities in a clean and tidy condition.
- Report damage or maintenance issues promptly.

Any deliberate damage may result in disciplinary action and recovery of costs.

## **9. Alcohol and Substance Use**

Where alcohol is permitted at Club events:

- Consumption must be responsible.
- Individuals must not behave in a manner that endangers themselves or others.
- Illegal drugs are strictly prohibited at all Club activities.

## **10. Guests and Visitors**

Members are responsible for ensuring their guests:

- Comply with this Code of Conduct.
- Follow all Club rules and safety requirements.
- Behave respectfully towards other participants and staff.

## **11. Breaches of the Code**

Any breach of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Temporary suspension from Club activities.
- Removal from Club events.
- Suspension or termination of membership.

Serious incidents may be referred to relevant governing bodies or statutory authorities where appropriate.

## **12. Acceptance**

By joining, attending, or participating in Club activities, all members and guests agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and support the values and reputation of the Club.