



**BURTON**

Tennis & Squash Club

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## **Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians and Juniors**

Burton Tennis and Squash Club is fully committed to promoting the highest possible standards of safeguarding and the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club must at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of all children involved in any activities at the club.

**Definition of a Child:** a person under the age of eighteen years.

Note that some legislation in Scotland defines a child as a person under sixteen years old. However, where there is any safeguarding concern, anyone under the age of 18 is regarded as a child unless advised otherwise by the LTA Safeguarding Team.

Any member, coach, parent/guardian, junior or visitor to the club who may have any concerns about any aspect of the conduct of any parent/guardian are encouraged to be open, honest and transparent in sharing these by contacting Heather Green, Club Welfare Officer, on 07851 034 666 or by email on [safeguarding@burtontsc.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@burtontsc.co.uk). This expectation also applies to all officials of the club.

All parents/guardians must also:

- Encourage their child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage their child from unfair play and arguing with fellow players or officials
- Help their child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force their child to take part in any activity
- Declare any knowledge of any allergies, medical conditions or risks to the child on the membership application form and to their child's coach
- If new medical condition/allergy arises once becoming a member, a club official (Committee member) and their coach must be informed immediately so membership details can be updated.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all participants
- Never punish or belittle any child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept the decision of any official
- Support their child's involvement in activities at the club and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use the correct and appropriate language at all times
- Sign their child in and out of coaching and activity sessions
- Ensure that they provide their child with the appropriate drinks and food to meet the specific requirements of any activity, coaching session or tournament
- Ensure the child is wear appropriate clothing at all times, including footwear as advised by coaches and safety glasses during any squash related activity
- Ensure that their child has had appropriate access to toileting facilities before any club related activity, parents and carer/guardians are expected to provide their support to ensure this by introducing their child to the appropriate toileting area (disabled facility).
- Not leave any child under the age of 13 unattended on the Club premises unless they are engaged in a supervised coaching or playing activity or designated to the care of another adult by the parent/guardian who accepts responsibility.
- Not leave their child until the coach or activity leader has accepted responsibility for them
- Ensure that the appropriate arrangements are made for their child to be collected at the appointed time at the end of any club related activity
- Renew their own membership and that of their child/children within the appropriate timescales

All Juniors Members must also be guided by parents/guardians to:

- Play their respective sports within the set of rules and boundaries given to them
- Respect opponents and fellow team players
- Respect officials and their decisions
- Be punctual for training and competitions
- Not use any prohibited substances or bring them to the club at any time
- Respect the club's facilities, environment and other members

References: BTSC Safeguarding Policy  
LTA 'What's The Score' Toolkit