



## Code of Conduct for Players

Newcastle Tennis Club believes that it is important that all members, coaches, volunteers and parents associated with the club should, always, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Sports clubs should offer, for all, a positive experience where they can enjoy sport in a safe and encouraging environment.

Members of NTC are expected at all times, including when representing the club externally, to abide by the following code of conduct:

### ***Respect and Behaviour***

Members must:

- endeavour to make our club a fun place to be
- be friendly to all and particularly welcoming to new members
- follow club rules and policies at all times
- behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis into disrepute
- understand that unsporting behaviour such as throwing rackets, hitting the racket head on the ground or hitting balls at people or fences is not acceptable
- always attempt to protect and further the Club's good reputation
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity. Never use derogatory language based on gender, race, religion or impairment including on technologies like social media
- show tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity in their dealings with Club officials
- treat all players as they would like to be treated themselves. Members must not ridicule, interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- always remain outside the court boundaries and show support respectfully to players in matches. It is courtesy to check with the players if they are comfortable with an audience.
- must not take photos, film or record other members without their permission.

## Playing

Members must:

- wear suitable tennis kit, including footwear whilst on court
- at all times play fairly and within the rules of tennis. Do not cheat and be fair in all line calls.
- respect opponents, winning with grace and losing with dignity. Never displaying bad sportsmanship or acting in a petulant manner when losing
- respect club officials' requests and decisions
- be supportive and committed to other team members
- take care of all equipment owned by the club, leaving the court as you found it
- accept whoever they are paired with or against in games, be tolerant and understanding
- not walk behind players whilst a game, a rally or coaching is in progress. This is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.

If you are trying to cross a court, please wait until you are invited to and it is safe to do so.

- If you have booked a court, arrive on time. If you have decided not to use the court, remove the booking from the court booking system. Do not approach a court if others are playing. Wait until your allocated time. Courts are in high demand especially in the summer. Once you have finished, leave the court promptly, so that the court is available for others to use.

(See Court Booking & Usage Policy)

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by a Club official and reported to the Committee. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the Club. Players will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed, with final decisions taken by the Newcastle Tennis Club Committee.

I have read the Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by it.

Signature of Player \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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