

East Wavertree Tennis Club

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Code of practice for young people

East Wavertree Lawn Tennis Club (EWLTC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, always show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are always encouraged to be open and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with any member of the Tennis Management Committee

As a Junior Member of East Wavertree Tennis Club, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- The tennis courts at EWLTC are generally unsupervised except for organised events. Your parents must always take responsibility for your safety.
- You must wear your membership tag on your tennis shoes on every visit to the club.
- 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 must play within the rules, respect officials and their decisions
- Members must wear suitable kit on court. Football shirts, beach-wear and combat shorts are not allowed on court
- Junior members must keep the courts and surrounding areas tidy. All litter must be deposited in the bins provided..
- Foul and abusive language is not allowed in any circumstances at the club.
- No ball games other than tennis are permitted on the site.
- Dogs are not allowed on club premise.
- High standards of behaviour are expected when travelling to and from the club, as misbehaviour could damage our reputation.
- You may bring a visitor to the club to play tennis. However, **you** are responsible for the behaviour of your visitor and for the paying of the visitor's fee (£3 for Juniors and £5 for adults)
- The riding of bicycles is not allowed on club premises. If you arrive at the club on a bicycle dismount and walk along the club paths. Store your bicycle in a safe place.
- Courts will be set aside on Monday evening for Junior play. You should only play one set if another Junior member is waiting. On occasions other than Monday evenings adult

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members will have preference over use of courts. If you are asked to leave a court, please do so without complaint or argument.

- If you do not follow club rules you could be the subject of a sanction. This could include suspension of membership, withdrawal of membership, refusal by the club to accept membership for the following season.
- In order to help develop your tennis the Management Committee supports the following initiatives:
 - The giving of club keys to Junior members. Ask Tina Darling The Membership Secretary for details
 - Junior coaching programme. You will be kept informed of the dates of the events and any junior team tennis
 - Granting of adult status. The Management Committee may grant you adult status. If you are granted adult status it will allow you to attend senior practice and to be selected for senior teams.

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Code of practice for parents and guardians

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As a parent/guardian of a Junior Member of EWLTC you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- The tennis courts at EWLTC are generally unsupervised except for organised events. You must take responsibility for the safety of your child(ren) at all times.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Ensure your child wears his/her membership tag **on his/her tennis shoes** on every visit to the club.
- 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. Never argue with officials or representatives of the club's Management Committee in front of your child.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct language at all times.
- Allow your child to play in the stage of tennis that is appropriate to him/her. This will ensure that the child will enjoy playing the game, develop skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is at. Ensure your child wears correct kit. Football shirts, beach wear and combat shorts are not allowed on court.
- 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!

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Please encourage your child to take part in our Monday evening Junior activities. On Monday evenings junior players have preference, for court use, over adult members.

Junior players should play only one set of tennis if other Juniors are waiting to play.

On other occasions than Monday evenings adult members have preference over junior players as regards use of courts. Junior players are required to leave a court if requested to by an adult member. This should be done without complaint or argument

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EWLTC Management Committee policy for new Junior Members:

The Management Committee has agreed that where a new Junior Member joins the club a parent of the new member may play with him/her at the club.

The parent may play tennis with the child for free providing the parent wears recognised tennis kit and footwear on court and complies with the club rules and regulations.

This is regarded by the committee as a sensible measure to ensure safety and to promote junior tennis at EWLTC.