

Section 3 – Policies and procedures

3.3.1 – Code of practice for Members, Parents and Guardians

Oundle Tennis Club 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, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with

Alan Jones

CHAIRMAN

As a member or parent/guardian of a member of Oundle Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- 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 should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Members are not allowed to consume drugs of any kind (with the exception of approved medication) on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.

As a parent/guardian of a member of **Oundle Tennis Club** you are also expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- 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.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- 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 their skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.
- 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!