

Boyle Community Tennis Association – Child Protection Policy (Appendix 3)

Code of Conduct for Children

This is your Code, whatever your ability or wherever you take part, you should encourage others to follow it.

In your sport you should:

Be happy, have fun and enjoy taking part and being involved in tennis.
Be treated fairly by everyone including adults and other players.
Feel safe and secure when you are taking part in the game.
Be listened to and allowed to reply.
Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.
Have a voice in the decisions that affect you within the club.
Say no to something which makes you feel uncomfortable.
Play and compete at a level that is suitable for your age, development and ability.
Know that any details that are about you are treated with confidentiality.

Your responsibilities are to:

Treat Leaders who may be teachers, coaches, managers, officials or other parents with respect.
Be fair at all times.
Do your best to achieve your goals; be gracious if you do not achieve your goals.
Respect other players and your opponents.
Be part of the team and respect and support other players, both when they do well and when things go wrong.
Never bully or use bullying actions against another person; you should never hurt other team players, or your opponent. This includes never taking/damaging their property, never spreading rumours, or telling lies about other young people or adults.
Keep to the rules and guidelines set out by Tennis Ireland and your club
Make sure you understand the rules.
Take part in your sport without cheating; you are responsible for not cheating and must not allow others to force you to cheat.
Listen to and respect decisions made by others; if you feel unjustly treated you can talk to your club Children's Officer or your parents;
Behave in a manner that is respectful towards Tennis Ireland and your club
Never use violence or bad language. Do not shout or argue with leaders, team mates or opposing participants. Talk to someone if you are upset or angry or if someone has caused you to be upset or angry.
Talk with your coach or club Children's Officer or a trusted club member if you have any difficulties or do not understand something. You should never keep secrets about any person who may have caused you harm or has made you feel upset.
Understand sport can be both fun and hard work. Talk through any worries or concerns with your parent and/or your Club Children's Officer.

Your club female Children's Officer is Sheila McCarthy and the male Children's Officer is Cian Duffy. Their details can be found on the notice board in the clubhouse.

I have read the club code of conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.

Signature of Player _____

Print name _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian* _____

Print name _____

Date _____

***Please note that the person signing the Parent/Guardian section must ensure they have parental responsibility for the child.**