

CODE OF CONDUCT- TTC

It has come to our attention that a small number of children, and indeed adults, are not respecting the club rules and are giving the well behaved majority a poor reputation at the club. We would like to remind all members of the following:

JUNIORS/PARENTS

1. A good standard of behaviour is expected from juniors at all times. This includes on court, in the changing rooms and in the club house. Anyone found to be behaving inappropriately may be liable to suspension from the club. Staff, coaches and senior members all have a role in ensuring that good behaviour is adhered to, and can report a child to the manager, in order that appropriate action may be taken.
2. The car park is not a play area and should not be used as such.
3. Defacing of notices, pictures or photos will not be tolerated and will result in suspension from the club.
4. Juniors may not enter the gym unless they are accompanied by an adult for a paid session or are in a formal fitness session.
5. Juniors aged 8 or older may not enter the changing rooms or toilets for the opposite sex. Juniors under the age of 8 may only enter the changing rooms or toilets for the opposite sex if they are accompanied by an adult.
6. A small number of juniors have been paid a small amount for hitting with younger members. The pros and cons of this have been discussed at length, and the junior committee and coaching staff are in agreement that this is not appropriate, unless the junior has an appropriate coaching qualification and has been given consent from Nick Fitzpatrick. This practice must cease.
7. Children under the age of 8 must be supervised by an adult whilst at the club. Parents are reminded that the grounds surrounding the tennis courts are not a play area, and that children should not be left to run wild here, as it is very distracting for players.

ALL MEMBERS

8. All members must show respect when play is in progress. They must wait silently until the conclusion of a point, before quickly walking past the back of the court to allow play to resume again as quickly as possible.
9. All members are reminded not to leave litter on courts, such as the ring pull tops off a new can of balls!
10. All members are asked to use the new shelving in the corridors for their bags when not in use, rather than littering the bar area or changing rooms with them.
11. The "drop off zone" in the car park is precisely that, it is not a parking area. It is imperative that it is reserved as a drop off zone, as it helps to reduce the risk to younger children who are not always very visible to reversing cars in a busy car park. The 2 disabled spaces nearest the entrance should also be respected. If there are no available car park spaces, members are reminded that the spaces by the bowling club are also part of the tennis club and can be used by members.

12. Saturday evening (5pm-7pm) free indoor court time (2 courts): See point 1 under futures/performance rules- the same format is applied to adults wishing to use this court time.

These rules apply to all members at the club. There are further rules that apply to the club futures/performance programme juniors.

FUTURES/PERFORMANCE JUNIORS

1. Saturday Evening (5pm-7pm) free indoor court time (2 courts): this is practice time for all futures/performance players, but the courts may not be monopolised by individuals. The courts can be used in blocks of 40 minutes and on a first come, first served basis. If no-one is waiting at the end of your 40 minutes then you can play for longer, otherwise you vacate the court. If only 2 people are using a court and others are waiting, then 2 more should be invited to play to maximise the use of the court. You do not have the automatic right to stay on if you have been playing up to 5pm and are half way through a match. These courts have not been set aside for box leagues .
2. Team selection is a matter for the coaches, and parents and players are asked to respect the coaches' decisions in such matters.
3. The performance and futures programme are subsidised, and as such, a certain level of commitment is expected from the players who benefit from these programmes. That level of commitment can be summarised as follows:
 - a) Players should be competing in the appropriate grade tournaments as discussed with their individual coach on a regular basis, and as outlined in their individual performance targets.
 - b) Players should embrace the opportunities at the club to practice and improve, such as box league matches, club championships and other club events. They need to be prepared to take the initiative in organising matches and practice sessions.
 - c) Players must Email their match reports to the coaches in a timely fashion as already requested, in order that coaches can best help them maximise their potential. These E mails also allow us to keep the web site and newsletter informed of junior achievements, and to keep regular space in the Holme Valley express, promoting the club and our junior programme. The Emails should be sent to the player's individual coach, and copied to the coaches inbox at coachesinfo@yahoo.co.uk , and should be sent regardless of the outcome of the match!
 - d) Some junior activity at the club (such as the Goole/Doncaster/Winchester trips) have been subsidised by the Junior Fund. Fundraising for this fund is an ongoing process, and if it is to be successful, juniors and their parents need to be willing to support and help with fundraising efforts.