

Thongsbridge Tennis Club Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for players in the Thongsbridge tennis club coaching programme and their parents/guardians and the aims of the Thongsbridge tennis club junior programme.

The aims of the TTC junior coaching programme are as follows:

- To produce junior players with the potential to become county/national level/International level.
- To develop players who can continue their progress through a recommended university scholarship.
- To offer an outstanding tennis performance programme and a complete strength and conditioning programme.
- To maintain our position as one of the premier tennis clubs in the north of England.
- To ensure that all tennis players develop as individuals and maintain a competitive but sportsman like attitude to their sport.
- To maintain a good working relationship with the LTA.

Thongsbridge tennis club expects high standards in conduct , behaviour and appearance from all players both in training and competition. We ask that all players commit to conducting themselves in a proper manner at all times and in particular players must:

1. Try their hardest and be enthusiastic in matches and in practice and give maximum effort to strive for the best possible performance during a game.
2. Give a good impression of themselves and Thongsbridge tennis club.
3. Be a good sport by showing fair play and respecting the rules even when others act badly or unfairly.
4. Show respect to other people involved in tennis especially players and officials. Do not bully or intimidate people in any way and do not use profane language.
5. Arrive at coaching or matches early and always be prepared.
6. Listen to coaches. Use positive self-talk and do not make excuses.
7. Always show positive body language, use appropriate language and always thank coaches and officials.

The support of parents/guardians is vitally important and we ask that they conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times and in particular must:

1. Provide a supportive environment for their child and encourage them to make every effort to develop their sporting abilities.
2. Promote the reputation of Thongsbridge tennis club and avoid doing anything that could spoil that reputation or the reputation of the sport.
3. Respect the spirit of fair play abiding by the rules of any tournament or competition and the principles of fair play.
4. Focus on their child's effort, enjoyment and development of skills rather than winning or losing.
5. Show respect to other players. Don't bully, intimidate or criticise other players/parents/officials.
6. Never use inappropriate or offensive language and gestures.
7. Abide by the TTC safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.

Failure to comply with the above could result in a player being refused a place in the coaching programme.