

Monkstown Lawn Tennis Club

CODE OF CONDUCT for Coaches/Sports Leaders/Officials

- Ensure the safety of all children by careful supervision, proper pre- planning of coaching/ playing sessions, using safe methods at all times.
- Actively encourage all children not to discriminate on the grounds of religious beliefs, race, gender, social classes or lack of ability.
- Emphasise fun and participation.
- Not allow any rough or dangerous play, bullying, or the use of bad language or inappropriate behaviour.
- Always be positive and to promote the objectives of the club at all times.
- Not let any allegations of abuse of any kind to go unchallenged or unrecorded if appropriate. Incidents and accidents to be recorded in the club incident/accident book. Parents will be informed.
- Report accidents or incidents of alleged abuse to the designated person.
- Administer minor first aid in the presence of others and where required refer more serious incidents to the club "first aider".
- Have access to telephone for immediate contact to emergency services if required.
- Foster team work to ensure the safety of youth members in their care.
- Ensure the rights and responsibilities of youth members are enforced.
- Report suspected abuse to the appropriate designated officer.
- Not abuse members physically, emotionally or sexually.
- Maintain confidentiality about sensitive information.
- Be a role model (disciplined / committed / time keeping), remember children learn by example.
- Never attend club activities or coaching sessions under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- Refrain from smoking during club activities or coaching sessions. .
- Hold current coaches insurance.
- Never ask anyone to keep secrets of any kind.
- Ensure that car insurance is appropriate for transporting young people to and from events.
- Ensure that all those working with young people do so under the guidance of the coach.
- As a coach keep my knowledge updated through the Tennis Ireland Continuous Professional Development.
- Protect myself from false accusation by:
 - Not spending excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others.
 - Avoid taking children alone in a car on journeys, however short.
 - Never taking children to your home.
- Not administering First Aid involving the removing of children's clothing unless in the presence of others.

