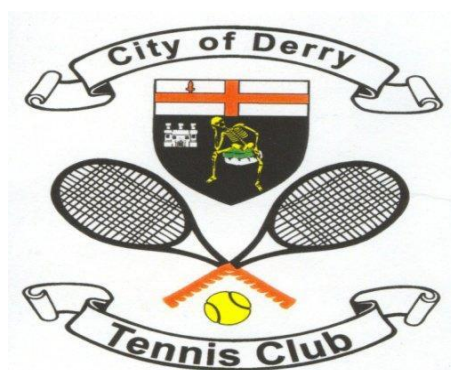




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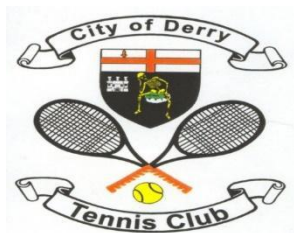
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Parents/Carers in tennis play a key role in the promotion of an ethical approach to our sport and young people's enjoyment in the game. Parents/guardians therefore need to be aware, informed and involved in promoting the safest possible environment for children to enjoy their participation in sport. Tennis Leaders need the support of parents/guardians in conveying the Safe, Fun and Fair Play message.

You should help and support the implementation of best practice policies in your child's/children's Club by following the guidance below:

- Promote participation for children that is fun, safe and in the spirit of fair play
- Ensure appropriate leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism from junior coaching and organised match play.
- Ensure appropriate leaders are informed of any medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning your child.
- Arrange an appropriate time and place for discussing any matter with leaders and coaches; communication should not take place whilst leaders and coaches are in a position of supervision or responsible for other young people.
- You should have the opportunity to put forward suggestions and comments.
- Provide the Club with appropriate information in relation to your child to ensure their safe inclusion in the club and with emergency contact information and to be reasonably available in case of emergency.
- Abide by the procedures and policies in this document especially with regard to the use of smart phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment (see photography and social media policy)
- Be aware and abide by the safeguarding policy, the rules and constitution of your organisation and the rules and constitution of your own Club.
- Consider becoming a member of the Club and contribute your time and effort in the daily running of the Club; no club can operate successfully and safely without the help of volunteers.
- Understand and ensure your child/children abide by the Code of Conduct for Young People.
- Be available for specified duties if and when required; some duties are mandatory and form part of the procedures for safeguarding your children; some will be at the request of the Club. Please see the club's Supervision Policy.

- Have an awareness of, respect for Leaders, other adults, and their roles within the Club.
- If you wish to raise an issue with a Leader this should be addressed with the Leader in an appropriate manner and not in front of children and young people. Respect and abide by the decisions made by the Committee and other Leaders, these should be made in the best interests of the children in the Club.
- Understand the complaints process and follow the proper procedure if you feel unjustly treated, with the knowledge that any complaint will be dealt with effectively and confidentially.
- Know your child's training and/or competitive programme, and accept it is your responsibility for delivering and collecting your child/children from junior coaching and to supervise your child/children's match play. Parents/ Guardians should ensure they do not leave their child/ children waiting unsupervised at any time.
- Parents /Guardians should ensure that they are contactable by telephone, should the need arise, whilst their child is attending club coaching sessions.
- Ensure the environment is safe and enjoyable for your child/children.
- Promote fair play and the positive aspects of sport.
- Be a role model for your children and young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and respectful behaviour in any activity related to the sports club/organisation.
- Allow your child to focus their efforts and success in terms of their goals rather than winning being the main objective.

I have read the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date: _____

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