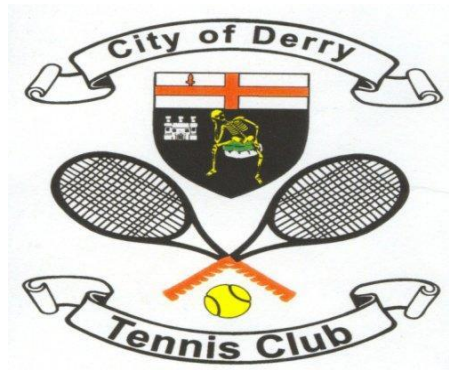




City of Derry Tennis Club

Policy and Code for Young People

Policy Date: March 2020

Review Date: March 2025

Approved By City of Derry Tennis Club Committee Members:

Date: 09/06/2025



City of Derry Tennis Club

Tennis Ireland: Code for Young People

Children have a great deal to gain from tennis in terms of their personal development and enjoyment. The promotion of good practice in tennis will depend on the co-operation of all involved, including child members of the organisation/ clubs. Children must be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat other children and Sport Leaders with fairness and respect.

In Tennis you should:

- Be happy, have fun and enjoy taking part and being involved in your sport.
- Be treated fairly and with respect by everyone, adults and other players.
- Feel safe and secure when you are taking part in your sport.
- 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 and organisation.
- Say no to something which makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Train 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, but if you are at risk of harm or we are worried about your safety we may need to pass this information on.
- Know who to go to if you feel unsafe.

Children/Young People's Responsibilities Are To:

- Treat all sports leaders/coaches with respect. Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach during coaching session.
- Treat your fellow juniors with respect during coaching sessions by taking part in lesson activities not being disruptive and causing an unnecessary distraction.
- Treat all tennis equipment with respect and use the equipment for the purpose of playing tennis only, avoiding kicking the balls or hitting your rackets on the ground or fencing.
- Do not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and encourage others to get involved in something they do not want to do.
- Be fair at all times, do your best to achieve your goals; be gracious if you do not achieve your goals.
- Respect other players, opponents, leaders and show team spirit.

- Be part of the team and respect and support other team members both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Never bully or use bullying actions against another person; you should never hurt other team members, athletes or your opponent, this includes never taking/ damaging their property, never spreading rumours or telling lies about other young people or adults.
- Keep to rules and guidelines set by Tennis Ireland, the Province and your Club (City of Derry Tennis Club) and make sure you understand the rules.
- Take part in your tennis without cheating; you are responsible for not cheating and must not allow others to force you to cheat.
- Play within the rules, listen to and respect the official and their decisions.; 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 your organisation 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 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.
- Do not, or allow others to make you, try or take banned substances to improve your performance.

Any general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and they will report verbally any disruptive misbehaviour to the designated person. Persistent disruptive misbehaviour will result in being asked to leave the coaching session or courts and may result in dismissal from the club/sport. Parents or those with Parental responsibility will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

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 Young Person

Player: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian*

Date: _____

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

