

Code on the Supervision of Children



Whalley Range Tennis Club is an accredited LTA Tennis Mark club. We fully subscribe to the LTA Code of Conduct. This places obligations on our coaching team, our club officials, our playing members and our social members (including parents and carers) to provide a safe place for children to enjoy tennis.

All parents and carers are required to follow this code when their children attend Whalley Range Tennis Club. This code covers the supervision of children in private lessons, group coaching, and while playing social tennis. Parents/carers are responsible for their child's safety whilst outside organised activity eg. using off-court facilities, such as the toilet facilities.

Group coaching sessions

Parents and carers are asked to arrive for group coaching sessions on time and to guide their children to the supervising coach. **Please: no drop offs at the gate, and please check that the coach is on court and in attendance.** Parents/carers are welcome to stay in the seating area in the club garden or inside if this space is accessible. It is best practice if parents or carers of under 13s are in view of the courts throughout the session.

Children should be picked up from the coaching session (or other club activity) at the finish time. The coach is responsible for children's safety between the scheduled start and finish time only. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to inform the coach if they have given their children permission to leave the court unaccompanied at the end of the session.

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A parent or carer who is unable to collect their child(ren) on time should make clear arrangements and designate an alternative adult to supervise their children. The venue, the child and the designated supervising adult must be aware of this arrangement and should agree this **in advance** of any coaching session or activity.

Private lessons

Our accredited coaches can be contacted to arrange private coaching sessions. They are responsible for the supervision of your child when they are on court **only**. Please arrive promptly to drop off and pick up your child.

Social tennis

1. **Junior members under the age of 13** playing social tennis on the club's courts must be supervised by a parent or carer at all times. Court bookings on Skedda should be made by the parent or carer on behalf of under 13 junior players and the parent should specify the names of all participants.
2. **Junior members between 13-17** may play social tennis with other junior players in this age group unsupervised, with their parent's or carer's permission. To ensure consent the parent or carer should make the Skedda booking and provide the names of all participants. Parents/carers who make the booking take full responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of players who do not have adult supervision, and for the child(ren) abiding by the Code of Conduct when using the venue.
3. **At age 18 club members** can request a Skedda account in their own name and can make court bookings to play tennis with other members aged 18 and over. However, if any of the intended players is aged 13 to 17, then that child's parent or carer must give their consent by making the booking and name all of the players using the court.
4. **Junior members between 13-17 playing adults** who are outside the immediate family will always require the parent or carer to make the booking on Skedda and provide the names of all participants.

This code will be circulated to all parents and carers with children new to the club and following annual renewal of membership.