



Lenzie Tennis Club (SCIO) Code of Practice for Members

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Lenzie Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

Lenzie Tennis Club believes that it is important that members, coaches and parents/guardians should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have with the President or any Committee member.

Abusive language and unacceptable behaviour on the club premises and courts is not allowed. Such behaviour will result in the offender being banned from club activities and in extreme cases or repeated incidents their membership of the Club will be rescinded.

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As a member of Lenzie Tennis Club you are expected to abide by this Code of Practice.

All Members:

- **All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.**
- **All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.**
- **Use the courts in line with the priorities set by the Committee.**
- **Only use the floodlights in accordance with planning permission conditions with switch-off times of 10pm, except during May, June and July when this period is extended to 10.30pm for the completion of matches.**
- **Members should keep to agreed timings for matches and competitions, or inform their team captain or opponent if they are going to be late.**
- **Members must wear suitable attire for playing.**
- **Members must pay any fees for matches or events promptly.**

Juniors:

- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on the premises or whilst representing the club.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the premises or whilst representing the club.

Parents/Guardians:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance - not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Allow their child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence.
- Be patient - steady progression is unusual in children - peaks and plateaus are common.
- Your first question following any match should be "Did you enjoy it?" NOT "Did you win?"
At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during coaching, a match or competition.....just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!