

# East Wavertree Tennis Club

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## Code of practice for young people

**East Wavertree Tennis Club** is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club 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 about any aspect of the club with the **Club Chairman, Tony McKee**.

In return, as a Junior member of East Wavertree Tennis Club, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- From this season onwards **you must wear your membership tag on your tennis shoes on every visit to the club**. Junior players not wearing their tags in this manner will be asked to leave the court.
- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions. You must keep still and quiet when adult matches are being played
- 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.
- Members must wear suitable kit on court. Football shirts, beach-wear and combat shorts are not allowed on court
- Junior members must keep the courts and surrounding areas tidy. Pick up any litter you see and put it in the bins that are provided. **Hot food should never be brought onto the site, by Junior players.** Chewing gum is not permitted at the club.
- Foul and abusive language is not allowed in any circumstances at the club.
- You must only come onto the club premises to play or watch tennis. You must not linger on the patio area, unless you are waiting for a court to become free. No other ball games are allowed. Junior members may go into the club-house, but only when there is a member of the bar-staff present. Junior members are not allowed on the club premises after dark
- Dogs are not allowed on club premises

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- You must show high standards of behaviour when travelling to and from the club, as misbehaviour could damage the reputation of the club.
- You may bring a visitor to the club to play tennis. However **YOU** are responsible for the behaviour of your visitor and for the paying of the visitor's fee (£3 for Juniors and £5 for adults)
- You must walk around the club site. Never walk behind a court whilst a match is in progress. The riding of bicycles is not allowed on club premises. If you arrive at the club on a bicycle dismount and walk along the club paths. Store your bicycle in a safe place.
- Monday evening is set aside for Junior play. A representative of the committee should be present to help organise play. You should only play one set if another Junior member is waiting. On other occasions than Mondays adult members will have preference over use of courts. If you are asked to leave a court please do so without complaint or argument. If you refuse to leave a court the court will be put out of play (e.g. the net will be lowered) and a representative of the committee will be informed.
- If you do not follow club rules you could be the subject of a sanction. This could include suspension of membership, withdrawal of membership, refusal by the club to accept membership for the following season.
- In order to help develop your tennis the Executive Committee supports the following initiatives:
  - The giving of club keys to Junior members. Ask Lin Stoddart or Ian Malabar (Club coach) for details
  - Junior coaching programme. You will be kept informed of the dates of the programme
  - Selection for Junior Teams. These play in the Liverpool League
  - The granting of adult status. This allows you to attend senior practice and to be selected for senior teams
  - A programme of sponsored tennis coaching

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## Code of practice for parents and guardians

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In return, as a parent/guardian of a Junior member of East Wavertree Tennis Club, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Ensure your child wears his/her membership tag **on his/her tennis shoes** on every visit to the club. Junior players not wearing their tags in this manner will be asked to leave the court.
- 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. Never argue with officials or representatives of the club's Executive Committee in front of your child.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Allow your child to play in the stage of tennis that is appropriate to him/her. This will ensure that the child will enjoy playing the game, develop skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is at. Ensure your child wears correct kit. Football shirts, beach wear and combat shorts are not allowed on court.
- 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 a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!

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Please encourage your child to take part in our Monday evening Junior activities. On Mondays Junior players have preference, for court use, over adult members. A representative of the committee is usually present to oversee Junior play.

Junior players should play only one set of tennis if other Juniors are waiting to play.

On other occasions than Monday's adult members have preference over Junior players as regards use of courts. Junior players are required to leave a court if requested to by an adult member. This should be done without complaint or argument. If Junior players refuse to vacate a court a member of the committee will be called and the Junior player could be subject to any of the following sanctions: Suspension of membership, withdrawal of membership, refusal by the club to accept membership for the following season.

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## Executive committee policy for new Junior members:

The Executive Committee has agreed that where a new Junior member joins the club and has no particular other child to play with a parent of the new member may play with him/her at the club.

The parent may play tennis with the child for free providing the parent wears recognised tennis kit and footwear on court and complies with the club rules as regards behaviour.

This is regarded by the committee as a sensible measure to ensure safety and to promote Junior tennis at East Wavertree LTC.