DURHAM & CLEVELAND TENNIS

Code of Conduct – Junior players, parents, coaches

The Player: -

1. Players will be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults.
2. Players will play fairly and honestly at all times.
3. Players will not use inappropriate language and racket or ball abuse will not be tolerated.
4. Individuals must show the correct attitude and commitment both in matches and in coaching.
5. When representing the County players will behave in a manner that will not in any way harm the reputation of themselves, Durham and Cleveland County and tennis in general.
6. Players will treat and respect all equipment, officials, opposition and associated people in a way that they themselves would expect to be treated.
7. Players should focus on every task to the highest level.
8. Players will not bully, intimidate, harass, mess around or distract other players, including on social media.
9. Players should talk to the County Head Coach or contact the County Safeguarding Lead about any concerns or worries they have about themselves of others.

The Parent / Guardian: -

1. Support your child and aid the developmental process both on and off the court.
2. Allow the coach and County staff to run the programme free from external pressures or influences.
3. Behave in a manner that sets a positive example for others and use appropriate language at all times. Do no embarrass your child.
4. Never ridicule or admonish a child for making a mistake or losing a match.
5. Respect all officials, players, coaches, parents and associated people and treat them in a way that they themselves would expect to be treated.
6. Value diversity, and not discriminate against anyone by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, maternity, race, religion, belief, sex or sexual orientation.
7. Accept official's decisions and do not approach, go on court or in any way interfere during a match.
8. Adhere to the host venue's safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations.
9. Accept responsibility for notifying the County Office or Coach of any changes to circumstances. This includes: - medical (including injuries), photo consent and personal circumstances etc.
10. Ensure that all appropriate fees are paid when due.
11. Deliver and collect your child punctually from the venue. For children aged under 13, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child is delivered directly into the care of the coach and picked up directly from the coach unless express agreement is reached beforehand. This responsibility cannot be delegated to the coach.
12. Ensure that your child understands their Code of Conduct.

The Coach: -

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat them equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of the performance.

3. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
4. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
5. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
6. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
7. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. FAIR Play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
8. Coaches will value diversity, and not discriminate against anyone by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, maternity, race, religion, belief, sex or sexual orientation.
9. Coaches must adhere to host venues' safeguarding policy, diversity and inclusion policy, rules and regulations.
10. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
11. Coaches must maintain their LTA Coach accreditation.
12. Coaches will not tolerate inappropriate language, racket and / or ball abuse.

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	Signed	Name	Date
Player			
Parent/Guardian			
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Club Coach			
D&C County Performance Lead			