

Cork Parks Tennis – Safeguarding Policy

APPENDIX 10 a) Code of Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers in tennis play a key role in the promotion of an ethical approach to our sport and young people's enjoyment in the game. Parents/guardians therefore need to be aware, informed and involved in promoting the safest possible environment for children to enjoy their participation in sport. Tennis Coaches/Leaders need the support of parents/guardians in conveying the Safe, Fun and Fair Play message. You should help and support the implementation of best practice policies of Parks Tennis Ireland, which is the organisation providing the tennis coaching programme. All this can be achieved by adopting best practice policies of Parks Tennis Ireland. Essentially, these consist of:

- Understanding this Code and ensuring your child/children abide it.
- Having an awareness of and respect for Coaches/Leaders and other adults and their roles within the Organisation. *Any issue to be raised with a Coach/Leader will be addressed to them in an appropriate manner, not in front of children and young people, and at an appropriate time and place other than during a coaching class when Coaches/Leaders are supervising and responsible for other young people.
- Respecting and abide by the decisions made by the Committee and other Coaches/Leaders, these should be made in the best interests of the children in the Organisation.
- Understanding the complaints process and follow the proper procedure if you feel unjustly treated, with the knowledge that any complaint will be dealt with effectively and confidentially.
- Being aware of our child's training and/or competitive programme, and accept it is your responsibility for delivering and collecting your child/children. Parents/carers should ensure they do not leave their child/children waiting unsupervised at any time.
- Ensuring the environment is safe and enjoyable for your child/children.
- Promoting fair play and the positive aspects of sport.
- Being a role model for your children and young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and respectful behaviour in any activity related to the Organisation.
- Supporting all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms. Please refer to bullying policy within the Child Protection Policy
- Allowing your child to focus their efforts and success in terms of their goals rather than winning being the main objective.
- Promoting participation for children that is fun, safe and in the spirit of fair play
- Ensuring appropriate Coaches/Leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning your child.

- Providing the Organisation with appropriate information in relation to your child to ensure their safe inclusion in the Organisation and with emergency contact information and to be reasonably available in case of emergency.
- Abiding by the procedures and policies in this document especially with regard to the use of smart phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment.
- Being aware and abide by the safeguarding policy, the rules and constitution of the organisation.

I have read the Cork Parks Tennis Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.

Signature of Parent/Carer _____ Date _____