



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SENIOR MEMBERS / PARENTS / GUARDIANS

Adapted from Tennis Ireland Child Protection Fact Sheet 6
http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/child_protection

SENIOR MEMBERS / PARENTS / GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Complete and return the Health and Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with Templeogue Tennis Club
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches.
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired in line with **CLUB TENNIS DRESS CODE**, and for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat-tops, hat, gloves etc...
- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- To inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a coaching session
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best i.e. focus on effort rather than performance
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines
- Show appreciation and support the coach
- Ensure their child is punctual
- Be realistic
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met
- Accept the official's judgement
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who often provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Not ignore or dismiss complaints expressed by a child
- Not treat the club as a minding service

Parents/Guardians have the right to:

- Know their child is safe

- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children
- Be informed if their child is injured
- Have their consent sought for issues such as trips
- Contribute to decisions within the club
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Club official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend games if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare. The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the Templeogue Tennis Club officials regrettably asking the child to leave the club.

All Senior Members, and Parents / Guardians of Children and Junior Members agree to read the Templeogue Tennis Club Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

The Child Protection Officers within Templeogue Tennis Club are:

	Name	Address	Telephone/ Mobile
1.	Mary Pat Prendergast (Club Youth Officer on the Executive Committee)	C/O Club Office	087 614 7402
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