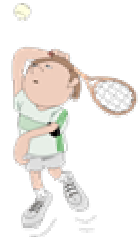




Sutton Churches Tennis Club Charter for Junior Players

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1. Introduction

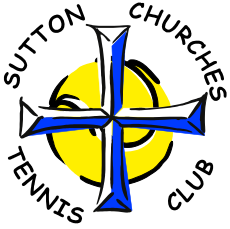
- Sutton Churches Tennis Club is a 'members' club, effectively managed by its current membership on a non-profit making basis.
- The Club sets out to provide affordable tennis for most ages and all abilities. It is keen to encourage tennis for children.
- The club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association and supports its 'good practice' guidelines and advice.
- The club acknowledges the need to ensure, as far as it is able, that children using the tennis facilities are provided with a safe environment. To this end the club have introduced this three-way charter, (the club, the coaching staff and the parent), and fully support the LTA Child Protection Policy, a précis of which is displayed on the club noticeboard, and fuller details available on request.
- However, parents are asked to recognize that all sports have an inherent risk and accidents cannot be eliminated entirely.

2. The Club Will

- Provide a safe playing environment, as far as it is able, e.g. well maintained courts and fencing.
- Provide shelter in poor weather conditions in the main clubhouse.
- Give access to drinks during organized coaching sessions.
- Ensure, as far as it is able, that the Coach, Coaching Assistants and other carers are of good character. All will be required to complete a Child Protection Self-Declaration Form, approved by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), and adopt the LTA Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- Provide a tennis coach of recognized good character and good technical and teaching skills on a contract of services basis.
- Provide a well-stocked first aid kit for the use of the Coach or Assistants who preferably will have undertaken a first aid course. The Coach will also have access to emergency services' addresses and telephone numbers.
- Ensure that the Tennis Coach maintains an attendance register for coaching sessions and an Accident / Incident register.
- Carry insurance for Public Liability risks.

3. The Tennis Coach Will

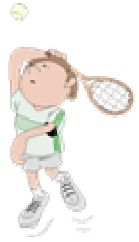
- Be responsible for the management of coaching for Juniors and is expected to provide, as far as he /she is able, a safe environment for all children.
- Have the objective of developing the tennis playing skills of junior players SAFELY.
- Ensure that all training sessions are preceded with appropriate 'warm-up' exercises.
- Adhere to the LTA 's Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- Keep up-to-date with tennis coaching techniques and other appropriate skills by attending selected courses or seminars e.g. first aid.
- Acquaint him/herself with any specific needs of a child in conjunction with parents / guardians: e.g. medication or collection. These should be specified on the Parental Consent Form.
- Maintain a Register of Attendance for coaching sessions and an Accident / Incident register.
- Maintain a contact address / telephone register of parents / guardians.
- Maintain a register of emergency services in the area.
- Have his/her own insurance.
- In addition to coaching, arrange competitive opportunities for Juniors.
- Not allow children to participate in coaching sessions or matches if they are clearly unwell or injured.
- Set a good example to junior players in terms of conduct including language and dress.



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4. The Parents Are asked to

- Inform the coach or Junior Secretary of any medical conditions or other restrictions that they should be aware of in relation to their child/children and the sport.
- Deliver and collect their child/children punctually at the appointed training session times, or in relation to collection on the day inform the Coach of any difficulty by telephone.
- Keep the Coach or Junior Secretary aware of any change of address or contact telephone numbers.
- Provide their children with the appropriate clothing or other protection e.g. sun cream for the anticipated weather conditions.
- Provide their child/children with appropriate food and drink to cover the time of the tennis session e.g. if the session is directly after school sustenance may be required to see them through.
- Encourage their child/children to respect the Club, its Coach, carers and property at all times, to create and maintain a harmonious and friendly relationship.
- Encourage their children to help keep the courts tidy by removing their rubbish when they leave the club.
- Recognize that whilst the Club has an 'open door' approach to court usage, thus encouraging practice, they do not and cannot provide supervision of children outside of the managed coaching sessions. Children may therefore use the courts during the day (other than at specific adult sessions or matches), but they do so at the parent/guardian's sole risk.
- Ensure that club fees are paid promptly. However, please do not withdraw a keen tennis playing child from the club for financial reasons. If there is a problem please consult with the Junior Secretary who may be able to assist.

Contact numbers for the Coach and Junior Secretary are available on the Parental Consent Form, parents should keep a record of these.