



Code of Practice for Members and Users

Purpose

HORLEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB (HLTC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. HLTC believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators, parents/guardians and visiting players should, at all times, show respect for, and understanding for the safety and welfare of, others.

This policy defines what is expected of all persons taking part in or observing activities at or on behalf of HLTC.

Policy

All members of HLTC are required, as a condition of membership, to abide by the following code of practice.

Members introducing guests are responsible for ensuring that their guests also abide this Code of Conduct. Visiting players from other clubs are also required to abide by this Code of Practice.

This Code of Practice shall be displayed on a notice board within the HLTC clubhouse.

Code of Practice

ALL Members (including visiting players and guests)

- All members must play within the rules of Lawn Tennis as defined by the Lawn Tennis Association, and respect officials and their decisions
- 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 should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform their coach or team captain if they are going to be late
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly
- All members should follow the behavioural and other guidelines contained in the HLTC booklet "Health, Safety and Well-being at Horley Lawn Tennis Club".

Juniors (including visiting juniors and junior guests)

- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on the premises or whilst representing HTLC
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the premises or whilst representing HLTC

Parents

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- 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
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- 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 !
- Encourage your child to respect the club's facilities and other people

Non-Compliance and Complaints

Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action as defined in HLTC's disciplinary policy and procedure.

Complaints about other peoples' behaviour or non-compliance with this policy should be made in accordance with HLTC's Complaints Policy.