



Downpatrick Tennis Club Code of Conduct for Children/Young People

2014

THE TENNIS PLAYER WILL:

- Play fairly and have fun
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis into disrepute.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Talk to the children's officer if you have concerns
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match
- Use his/her best efforts in competitive matches
- Refrain from the use of bad language and inappropriate gestures
- Refrain from ball/ racquet abuse
- Refrain from the use of coaching during competition
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Never pass on gossip about another player or adult
- Never make false allegations about another player or adult
- Never keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm
- Win with grace and lose with dignity

CHILD/ YOUTH MEMBER HAS THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe
- Be listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help

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

Signature of Player _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Print Name _____ Print Name _____

Date _____

*Please note that the person signing the parent/guardian section must ensure they have parental responsibility for the child.