



Beaumont Tennis Club

Codes of Conduct for Junior and Senior Tennis

Version 1

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Mission Statement — To provide a Club where all kids learn, and adults practise, the skills and the etiquette of individual and team tennis, to win or lose gracefully while participating in a lifelong sport.

These codes of conduct are part of the implementation of the Beaumont Tennis Club's MEMBER-PROTECTION POLICY.

These codes of conduct have been developed using resources developed by the Australian Sports Commission and the Office for Recreation and Sport (SA) as well as through the formalisation of established practices within the Club.

These codes of conduct apply to;

- Coaches,
- Junior players (under 18 years old),
- Adult players (at least 18 years old),
- Parents/carers and spectators,
- Officials (e.g. court supervisors),
- Administrators (e.g. committee members)



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Coaches

- **Remember that young people participate for pleasure** - winning is only part of the fun.
- **Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport** - help your players to understand that playing by the rules is their responsibility.
- **Relate to officials in a courteous and polite way.**
- **Implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.**
- **Implement policy and practices (and lead by example)** – in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance-enhancing drugs.
- **Listen to your players** – ensure that the time they spend with you is a positive experience.
- **Encourage young people to participate in administration, coaching and officiating** - as well as playing.
- **Promote a culturally tolerant environment.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants** – regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Keep up to date with coaching practices and qualifications** – ensure you understand the principles of physical growth and development.
- **Ensure you are aware of your club's child-safe policy** – ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect. Complete the online training on www.playbytherules.net.au.
- **Ensure that any physical contact with a young person is appropriate** – is it necessary for the player's skill development?
- **Avoid developing any 'special' relationships with children** – ensure that you show no favouritism such as the offering of gifts or special treatment. This includes intimate relationships and personal online social networking with team members.



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Junior Players

- **Play by the rules and etiquette of tennis.**
 - All players must have 2 balls (one in pocket) before serving; it saves time!!
 - Players should return balls to the opponent UNDER THE NET
 - Don't throw your racquet or hit anything other than the ball with it
 - Any dispute MUST be referred to the VENUE SUPERVISOR for a ruling (not parents)
- **Wear tennis attire.**
 - Boys must wear shorts with pockets
 - girls must wear shorts, skirts or skorts with pockets or use
- **Never argue with an official.** — if you need clarification, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition).
- **Work equally hard for yourself and your team** — your team's performance will benefit — so will you.
- **Be a good sport** - applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- **Show respect to and acknowledge opponents and officials** — (e.g. shake hands before and after the game and say things like 'good luck', 'thanks for the game', 'thanks ref').
- **Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents** — without them there would be no competition.
- **Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit** — not just to please parents and coaches.
- **Play fair** — no verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players (including vilification) or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent.
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants** — regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Remember that teams are chosen on form and attitude displayed at practice, matches, tournaments & trials**
- **Do not expect or accept "special" favours from a coach or person involved in team or club management.**
- **Speak to an adult you trust if you have an issue, feel unsafe or are concerned about someone else.**
- **Report any behavioural or injury issues IMMEDIATELY to the venue supervisor**
- **If you are unable to play** — you must let your Captain know and together find a substitute.
- **Team Captains have extra duties**
 - Provide and care for club balls each week. Please liase with Garry weekly.
 - **Fill in team sheets at matches and TEXT or PHOTO final scores to Garry ASAP.**
 - Record your own personal scores accurately weekly for evaluation.
 - Ensure that reserves and transport if needed is sorted by 5pm Friday.
 - Make sure team rules are followed to set a good example.
 - **Ensure your team practises together at least ONCE per week. Beaumont courts are available to Juniors EVERY night until dark ... so use the courts.**



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Adult Players

- **Play by the rules and etiquette of tennis.**
 - Players should return balls to the opponent UNDER THE NET
 - Don't throw your racquet or hit anything other than the ball with it
 - No audible obscenities
 - Adhere to the codes of conduct of the EDTA and Tennis SA
- **Wear tennis attire**
 - Players should wear clean & customarily acceptable tennis attire
 - This does not include dress shirts, singlets, football shorts or socks, jumpers, walk shorts, gym shorts, jeans.
- **Turn up on time** – and be able to have a warm-up before the match is due to start
- **Work equally hard for yourself and your team** — your team's performance will benefit — so will you.
- **Be a good sport** - applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- **Show respect to and acknowledge opponents** — (e.g. shake hands before and after the game and say things like 'good luck', 'thanks for the game').
- **Cooperate with your team mates and opponents** — without them there would be no competition.
- **Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit**
- **Play fair** — no verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players (including vilification) or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent.
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants** — regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Remember that teams are chosen on form and attitude displayed at practice, matches, tournaments & trials**
- **Do not expect or accept "special" favours from a coach or person involved in team or club management.**
- **Place the safety and welfare of yourself other players above all else.**
- **Look after Junior players** — If there is a junior player under the age of 13 who is unsupervised, you should assume responsibility for the child's safety until the parent/guardian or adult team mate is located.
- **If you are unable to play** — you must let your Captain know.
- **Team Captains have extra duties**
 - Provide and care for club balls for each home match.
 - **Fill in team sheets at matches** –
in summer, ensure they get back to the Club or to the Recording Secretary (scans may be emailed),
in winter, ensure the results are submitted or confirmed electronically, in due time.
 - Ensure that reserves, and transport if needed, are organised. Liaise with Chris re. reserves.



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Parents / Carers & Spectators

- **Transport — Parental/carer support is expected**, as required, to ensure kids get to their venues by 5.50PM Friday nights or 8.15AM on Saturdays. In the most successful teams, parents/carers share the load where necessary if they work or have multiple sporting engagements.
- **Arrangements re. delivering or collecting your child** — Your child's welfare must be your No. 1 priority. Please let supervisors at venue know if you need to make special arrangements re. delivering or collecting your child.
- **It is necessary for all parents to play a small role in the management of junior tennis teams** — All issues (balls, clothing, illness, and late arrival) arising should be resolved by the Team Manager in the first instance. See the Junior Coordinator (i.e. Garry) if in doubt.
- **Team Managers** — Normally a parent of a Team Captain takes on this responsibility.
- **Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment** - not yours.
- **Encourage children to play according to the rules** — settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- **Never ridicule or yell at a child** - for making a mistake or not winning.
- **Respect officials' decisions** - encourage children to do likewise.
- **Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators** - remember they are usually volunteers.
- **Applaud good performance and efforts** - from all individuals and teams.
- **Congratulate all participants**- regardless of the game's outcome.
- **Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form** – regardless of whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- **Support all policies and practices (lead by example)**. - This includes responsible alcohol and drug use and support of child safe strategies.
- **Support involvement in modified rules games and other junior development programs.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person** -regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Ensure you are aware and follow the correct processes to follow if you have an issue or complaint** – do not perpetuate issues with gossip or general criticism.



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Officials

- **Apply rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people and to make participation more fun.**
- **Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people**
- **Compliment and encourage all participants**— you are a role model and a source of a young person's confidence building.
- **Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.** — ensure that teams are chosen fairly on the basis of form and attitude displayed at practice, matches, tournaments & trials
- **Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect** - for all opponents.
- **Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.**
- **Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards** - are they appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- **Be familiar with relevant policies and procedures relating to a child safe environment.**
- **Promote a culturally appropriate environment.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants** - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **Ensure you are aware of your mandated responsibility to report suspicion of child abuse and neglect** - complete the online training on www.playbytherules.net.au.



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Administrators

- **Ensure you are aware of your obligations to provide a safe environment for children** - this includes risk management, child-safe policy, appropriate screening of staff/volunteers and mandatory notification obligations of certain people in the organisation. Complete the online training on www.playbytherules.net.au.
- **Ensure your club is accessible for all to participate.**
- **Create pathways for young people to participate in your club** - give them "a say" on decisions that affect them, provide leadership opportunities and most importantly listen to them.
- **Ensure that the types of programs, rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.**
- **Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players** - ensure volunteers are adequately trained.
- **Direct coaches and officials to highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development.**
- **Ensure that everyone emphasises fair play** - not winning at all costs.
- **Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches and players** - encourage them to follow it.
- **Develop where appropriate and distribute codes of behaviour for other volunteers** – this may include team managers and sport trainers and first-aid staff.
- **Remember, you set an example** - your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- **Implement policy and practices (and lead by example)** - in relation to responsible use of alcohol and in relation to recreational and performance-enhancing drugs.
- **Adopt and implement relevant sport safety policies and practices.**
- **Promote a culturally tolerant environment.**
- **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants** - regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.