



**A32a – WTA Junior Player Code of Conduct
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Junior / Young Player's Code of Conduct

The WTA is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The WTA believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with Touch should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the WTA Managing Director.

Touch for young people should offer a positive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment. As a member of the WTA, you are expected to abide by the following junior / young players code of conduct:

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach.
- Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions.
- Take care of equipment.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke at modules or association premises or whilst representing the sport at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind at the modules or on association premises or whilst representing the sport.
- Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members.

- Play fairly and be trustworthy.
- Respect officials and accept decisions.
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
- Challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
- Respect opponents.
- Not cheat or be violent / aggressive.
- Not use violence.
- Make your sport, club, module a **fun** place to be.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- 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 their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach / referee / manager and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the module and or sport. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed by the coach / volunteer with final decisions taken by the module organiser or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.