

## Code of Practice – Tennis section

Cheam Fields Club (Tennis section) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. This document should be read in conjunction with our other policies, including our Safeguarding Policy which contains our Code of Conduct. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club 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 by email to [cheamfields@gmail.com](mailto:cheamfields@gmail.com)

For any Safeguarding concerns please contact :

### **Pam Tarrier**

Club Welfare Officer

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As a member of Cheam Fields Club (Tennis section) you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Be a positive role model. Act with integrity even when no one is looking.
- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions. Unfair play should be discouraged.
- 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. We value and celebrate diversity.
- Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated; this includes name-calling & intimidation.
- If play is in progress on a court and you wish to get to another court, please only enter between points or at the end of a game. Please wait and check if it is ok to proceed across the back of the court or try to use another gate to access the court you need to get to.
- Please be careful of inappropriate comments – what one person regards as banter may be offensive to someone else.
- As we are surrounded by neighbours, we are particularly keen to keep high standards and would like to keep any disturbance to a minimum. Please do not use offensive language on court- it is unpleasant for others to witness and may be overheard by passers-by, neighbours and children.
- Please try to park on the club side of Devon and Meadowside Roads and never block a driveway – even for a minute!
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach. Please take the prevailing weather conditions into account.
- Members must pay fees promptly.

Some helpful notes for Junior players and their parents:

- Never force your child to take part in sport. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence.

- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common.
- Make the club aware of any physical, psychological or emotional difficulties your child may have.

Anyone who does not feel comfortable raising a concern with the Club Welfare Officer should contact the LTA Safeguarding Team directly on 020 8487 7000, the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

Further guidance can be found in the Codes of Conduct pages of our Safeguarding Policy