

Blackrock Bowling and Tennis Club

Code of Conduct for Junior Licensees

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 the officials and accept their decisions
- Talk to the children's officer if you have any 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 to pass on gossip about another player or adult
- Never to make false allegations about another player or adult
- Never to keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm
- Win with grace and lose with dignity.

Junior Licensees have the right to:

- Be safe and be listened to
- Be respected and enjoy privacy
- Enjoy sport in a protective environment
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed and ask for help

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Code of Conduct for Parents

The rules are outlined below and we expect all parents and juniors to observe them. Note that as a result of the increasingly vibrant junior section, it is more important than ever to observe these rules.

Parents are expected to:

- Deliver and collect their child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat tops, hat, gloves, etc.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Children must be in a fit state of health before playing tennis or coaching. Any changes in the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions
- Inform the coach prior to departure from the club if the child is to be collected early from a coaching session
- Transport their child to outside games. If parents are unable to do this they must arrange and be satisfied with the alternative transport arrangements
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best, i.e. focus on effort rather than on performance
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines
- Show appreciation and support the coach
- Ensure their child is punctual
- Be realistic
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met
- Accept the official's judgment
- Acknowledge the role of the club coaches who ensure children's participation in the club
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the Junior Committee/ volunteers/ play leaders who provide their free time to ensure children's participation in the club
- Recognise the developmental needs of Junior Licensees/ capacity of children/ young people including those with a disability, avoiding excessive training or competition and not pushing them against their will
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Not to treat the club as a child minding service

There is no supervision of juniors other than at organised coaching sessions, junior camps, fun tennis and junior tournaments.

Any misdemeanours and/or breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Club official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend games if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent / guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean that Blackrock Bowling and Tennis Club officials will ask the child to leave the club

Acknowledgement of Child Protection and Codes of Conducts

Blackrock Bowling and Tennis Club has adopted and implemented the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport as set out by Tennis Ireland, as an integral part of club policy on children and club membership.

Upon joining the Club or renewal of membership, all members agree to abide by the Club's Child Protection Policy and Codes of Conduct.

These policies and codes are available on the website. Members and their children should read and become familiar with them.

Blackrock Bowling and Tennis club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for children other than at organised junior coaching, junior camps and junior tournaments.

Blackrock Bowling and Tennis club does not accept responsibility for juniors that arrive to the club to play on their own.

It is strongly recommended that if children are playing in the club independently of the club's organised activities that a parent/guardian stays with them for the duration of the activity.

The club's child protection officers are available should any member have any questions or require any assistance in relation to child protection in the club.

The contact details of the club's Children's Officers are available on the Club website (www.blackrockbtc.ie)