**Code of conduct for parents and carers**

Parents and carers agree to:

- Encourage your child to learn and play by the rules of the game

- Encourage them to be fair and not argue with coaches and officials

- Encourage them to recognise good performance and not just the end result

- Encourage them to take part, but never force them

- Set a good example by recognising and applauding fair or good play by any player

- Never punish a child for losing or making mistakes

- Accept the decision made by the coach, official or umpire

- Support your child’s involvement and enjoyment of the game

- Use the correct tennis vocabulary and encourage your child to do the same

- Be patient, children make different progress to each other; peaks and plateaus are common

- Ask if your child enjoyed the match first, not ‘did you win?’

- Never interfere with the on-court coaching or umpiring; let the officials do their job

- Deliver and collect your child from the club or away club on time

- Ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather conditions

- Ensure your child understands the club’s code of conduct

- Provide emergency contact details and relevant medical information

Doing nothing is NOT an option: report all concerns and disclosers as soon as possible, following the concern reporting procedure. If someone is in immediate danger, dial 999.

This code of conduct should be treated in a spirit of integrity, transparency and common sense, with the best interests of children and adults at risk as the primary consideration.