

Rathgar Tennis Club – Child Protection Policy

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The following rules shall govern the use of the premises of Rathgar Tennis Club unless altered by the Executive Committee as it may see fit from time to time

Rathgar Tennis Club Club and Court Behaviour

Members and visitors to our Club are expected to behave in a sporting manner and respect the Club at all times.

- Never walk behind a court when play is in progress, wait until there is a break in play before crossing a court and acknowledge the players when passing through.
- Appropriate tennis footwear and recognised sports attire must be worn on court at all times.
- Return tennis balls to other courts promptly - but never while play is in progress.
- Do not try to retrieve tennis balls from other courts when play is in progress.
- Avoid excessive noise when playing or watching matches.
- Racquet abuse and foul language is not acceptable behaviour in court or in the Club **at any time**, either as a player, spectator or at a social occasion.

- Avoid distractions to your fellow players **e.g. mobile phones should be put on silent when on court. Answering calls on court is not acceptable behaviour.**
- Spectators must not interfere when matches are in progress – specifically no line calling or coaching by spectators or parents is permitted.
- During League Matches, have additional consideration for both fellow members and their visiting opponents – social tennis should not be played on adjoining court to a competitive match if at all possible. League matches take priority over all other games.

Executive Committee