

Rathgar Tennis Club

Form 1a - CODE OF CONDUCT (Appendix 2)

for Sports Leaders/Officials

Note: Form 1a relates to the code of conduct for sports leaders/Official. Form 1b relates to the code of conduct for Coaches (please go to the bottom of Form 1a to see Form 1b)

I, *(Print Name)* _____ agree to:

- Ensure the safety of all children by careful supervision, proper pre- planning of coaching/ playing sessions, using safe methods at all times.
- Actively encourage all children not to discriminate on the grounds of religious beliefs, race, gender, social classes or lack of ability.
- Emphasise fun and participation.
- Not allow any rough or dangerous play, bullying, or the use of bad language or inappropriate behaviour.
- Always be positive and to promote the objectives of the club at all times.
- Not let any allegations of abuse of any kind to go unchallenged or unrecorded if appropriate. Incidents and accidents to be recorded in the club incident/accident book. Parents will be informed.
- Report accidents or incidents of alleged abuse to the designated person.
- Administer minor first aid in the presence of others and where required refer more serious incidents to the club "first aider".
- Have access to telephone for immediate contact to emergency services if required.
- Foster team work to ensure the safety of youth members in their care.
- Ensure the rights and responsibilities of youth members are enforced.
- Report suspected abuse to the appropriate designated officer.
- Not abuse members physically, emotionally or sexually.
- Maintain confidentiality about sensitive information.
- Be a role model (disciplined / committed / time keeping), remember children learn by example.

- Refrain from smoking and consumption of alcohol during club activities or coaching sessions.
- Never ask anyone to keep secrets of any kind.
- Ensure that car insurance is appropriate for transporting young people to and from events.
- Ensure that all those working with young people do so under the guidance of the coach.
- Protect myself from false accusation by
 - Not spending excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others
 - Avoid taking children alone in a car on journeys, however short
 - Never taking children to your home.
- Not administering First Aid involving the removing of children's clothing unless in the presence of others.

I accept that any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be dealt with immediately and reported verbally to the Club's Designated Liaison Person. Persistent breach of the code of conduct will result in dismissal from the club.

I have read the Rathgar Tennis Club Child Protection Policy and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the policy.

Signature of Sports Leader/Official:

Date_____

Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport Undertaking

I agree to abide by and support the **Rathgar Tennis Club Child Protection Policy*** and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the Policy and in particular to abide by the **Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport.**

I understand and agree to abide by the Rules of Rathgar Tennis Club.

Rathgar Tennis Club Coach/Sports Leader Undertaking Child Protection Policy

Signature of Sports Leader/Official:

Date_____

*The Club's Child Protection Policy is available on the club website or in hard copy format at the clubhouse.

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Form 1b - CODE OF CONDUCT (Appendix 2)

for Coaches

I _____ agree to:

- Ensure the safety of all children by careful supervision, proper pre- planning of coaching/ playing sessions, using safe methods at all times.
- Actively encourage all children not to discriminate on the grounds of religious beliefs, race, gender, social classes or lack of ability.
- Emphasise fun and participation.
- Not allow any rough or dangerous play, bullying, or the use of bad language or inappropriate behaviour.
- Always be positive and to promote the objectives of the club at all times.
- Not let any allegations of abuse of any kind to go unchallenged or unrecorded if appropriate. Incidents and accidents to be recorded in the club incident/accident book. Parents will be informed.
- Report accidents or incidents of alleged abuse to the designated person.
- Administer minor first aid in the presence of others and where required refer more serious incidents to the club "first aider"
- Have access to telephone for immediate contact to emergency services if required.
- Foster team work to ensure the safety of youth members in their care
- Ensure the rights and responsibilities of youth members are enforced
- Report suspected abuse to the appropriate designated officer
- Not abuse members physically, emotionally or sexually
- Maintain confidentiality about sensitive information
- Be a role model (disciplined / committed / time keeping), remember children learn by example
- Refrain from smoking and consumption of alcohol during club activities or coaching sessions
- Hold current coaches insurance
- Never ask anyone to keep secrets of any kind

Rathgar Tennis Club Coach/Sports Leader Undertaking Child Protection Policy

- Ensure that car insurance is appropriate for transporting young people to and from events
- Ensure that all those working with young people do so under the guidance of the coach.
- As a coach keep my knowledge updated through the Tennis Ireland Continuous Professional Development.
- Protect myself from false accusation by...
 - Not spending excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others
 - Avoid taking children alone in a car on journeys, however short
 - Never taking children to your home.
- Not administering First Aid involving the removing of children's clothing unless in the presence of others.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be dealt with immediately and reported verbally to the Designated Person. Persistent breach of the code will result in dismissal from the club.

Dismissals can be appealed by the coach/ volunteer with final decisions taken by the club/organisation appeals committee.

I have read the Tennis Ireland Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.

Signature of Coach: _____

Print Name: _____

Date_____