



Cranleigh Lawn Tennis & Social Club

Code of Conduct and Court Etiquette

ALL Members should:

- Be welcoming to members and encourage them to participate actively in social tennis
- Show respect towards all members and staff, regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs, or sexual identity, recognizing their rights and dignity.
- Take a stand against any form of discrimination witnessed, ensuring it does not go unchallenged.
- Abide by the club's rules and regulations.
- Contribute to the creation of a safe and inclusive environment both on and off the court.
- Refrain from using offensive language or swearing in the clubhouse, on the court, or anywhere on the club premises.
- Never engage in verbal or physical abuse, or make threats towards anyone at the club.
- If another member engages in verbal or physical abuse, members should try to calm the situation and report the matter to a committee member immediately
- Actively discourage unfair play
- Refrain from using social media to defame the club or any individuals associated with it, and avoid bringing the club's reputation into disrepute.
- Always strive to protect and enhance the club's reputation.
- Refrain from discussing personal matters or raise grievances on the Club WhatsApp groups. Any grievances should be raised directly with a committee member in person or via email to CranleighTennisSW19@Gmail.com
- Report all safeguarding issues immediately once known to the Safeguarding Officer (Dell van der Westhuizen on 07939 153 607)
- Be considerate when booking courts which are limited to 1.5 hours per day.
- No phones, cameras or other electronic devices to be used while in the changing rooms.

All children should:

- Show respect toward club staff, volunteers and officials and accept their decisions
- Play fairly and honestly
- Behave, show respect and listen to your coach
- Refrain from using offensive, inappropriate, or racist language, both in person and on social media.



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- Refrain from engaging in bullying, intimidation, or harassment towards anyone, including on social media
- Refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol, or using drugs of any kind on club premises or while representing the club in competitions or events.
- Report all safeguarding issues immediately once known to the Safeguarding Officer (Dell van der Westhuizen on 07939 153 607)

Parents/ Guardians adults should:

- Encourage their child(ren) to learn and abide by the rules of tennis
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help their child(ren) recognise good performance, not just results
- Set a positive example by recognising fair play and applauding opponents good performance
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes during tennis
- Support their child's participation and help them to enjoy their sport
- Ensure their child(ren) understands the code of conduct
- Provide coaches with updated emergency contact details and any relevant information about their child, including medical history.
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Coaches

Coaches are bound by the Code of Conduct for members and in addition must abide by the provision of the LTA Code of Conduct for coaches

Policies and Procedures

- Adhere to safeguarding policy, diversity, and inclusion policy, as well as the club's rules and regulations. Policies and Procedure can be found [here](#)

This Policy was reviewed and approved by Cranleigh LT&SC Committee on

Club Committee Chair : James Edwards

Date: 24.07.2023

Head Coach: Grant Fellows (Limitless Tennis)



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Date: 24.07.2023

Club Secretary / Welfare Officer : Dell van der Westhuizen

Date: 24.07.2023

APPENDIX A: COURT ETIQUETTE

Purpose of guidance

[To ensure that everyone enjoys their tennis at Cranleigh LT&SC, please follow these guidelines when on court.](#)

- ❑ Be inclusive in setting up sets in social sessions. Follow the system and rules (i.e Social Board) which has been agreed on by the committee to give all players a fair and enjoyable social experience.
- ❑ Be reminded that all matches prior to social sessions, should be completed on time, and only players who have followed the social tennis protocol, come off court, and put their names on the designated Social Board will be able to go on at the start of the session
- ❑ Aim for a balanced group of four players ideally, but if not possible, make an effort to encourage and support seemingly weaker or newer players.
- ❑ Take responsibility for calling your own lines, and if the ball is at your opponents' end, the call is theirs.
- ❑ When there is doubt regarding a line call, it is considered polite to offer to replay the point rather than causing unnecessary time wastage and frustration.
- ❑ If your ball goes on to another court, wait until they finish playing before asking for the ball or retrieving it yourself.



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- ❑ Do not walk behind players if they are playing a point or warming up
- ❑ Always go round the net, not over it.
- ❑ Refrain from shouting across courts, maintaining proper court etiquette.
- ❑ During organised social tennis sessions, play a short set, with a tie break to 7 when the score reaches 5 games all.
- ❑ During busy periods, play one regular deuce point, followed by sudden death deuce for the second deuce.
- ❑ Wear appropriate attire and tennis shoes for training and match sessions.
- ❑ Refrain from using mobile phones on the court, except in case of emergencies.
- ❑ After play has ended, players should remove empty cans, used tennis balls, or any other rubbish from the court and dispose of them in the designated bins outside the courts.
- ❑ Ensure that courts are swept with the drag net after each match.