

Player Code of Conduct

Shankill Tennis Club encourages all its members to have fun, try hard, learn, play fair and be respectful of the rules, other participants, officials, the court, time slots, and equipment, and applaud a good effort by any and all members.

Players shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the etiquette, spirit, sportsmanship, and exemplary standards of behaviour expected of the sport. In particular, members are expected to be responsible for their words and actions and do their utmost to follow the code of conduct set out by Shankill Tennis Club at all times at all times and in all places.

- Abide by all of Shankill Tennis Club, Tennis Ireland, and DLTC's policies and guidelines, and familiarise yourself with the rules of the game.
- Please exercise self-control and refrain from engaging in any behaviour that would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any opponent, other participant, official, or spectator.
- Refrain from using bad language or inappropriate gestures.
- Treat every opponent or other participant, official, and other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
- Refrain from arguing with, or engaging in, verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any opponent, other participant, official, or spectator.
- Respect the officials, their authority, and their calls, during and after a match.
- Treat opponents and fellow participants with due respect; accept success, failure, victory or defeat with good grace.
- **Respect everyone on court with you, whether they be playing with you or beside you - If there is a disagreement it should be dealt with promptly, in a polite manner. If it cannot be dealt with promptly,**

players should leave the court to ensure they do not disrupt or cause upset to other players.

- Keep your courts and clubhouse clean and safe, and refrain from mistreating or damaging any aspect of the court or equipment.
- The use of banned or inappropriate performance enhancement substances is forbidden.
- Know who your committee members are, especially your child protection officers, and talk to your committee if you have any concerns regarding code of conduct
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player.
- Never pass on gossip about another player.
- Never make false allegations about another player.
- Never keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm.
- Win with grace and lose with dignity.
- Welcome new players and show understanding as they find their feet in the club.

Remember that as a member of Shankill Tennis Club, you are always representing your club, and therefore your behaviour should be exemplary at all times.

The Tennis Club Committee, may suspend/ban from the Club any Member whose conduct, whether on the Club premises or elsewhere, is, or has been, in the opinion of the Tennis Club Committee contrary to the interests of the Club, or injurious to its reputation.