

# Code of Conduct – South Hawthorn Tennis Club

All members of South Hawthorn Tennis Club are bound by the Club's Code of Conduct as a condition of their club membership. This code of conduct is to be read in conjunction with the rules and by laws of tennis policies from Tennis Australia, and the South Hawthorn Tennis Club Constitution.

The SHTC Code of Conduct applies to the following groups: - Players, Parents, non-playing members, club officials, and visitors.

## Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules.
- Do not continue an argument with an official or the opposition team players.
- If you disagree with a situation or decision, have your team captain approach the other team captain during a break, or after the match.
- Control your temper and your language at all times.
- Verbal abuse of officials, other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Be a good sport - applaud good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another player or spectator.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, and the enjoyment of others.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, spectators and the general public, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Players participating in tennis – either competition or social – must keep the volume and tone of their language at a respectable level for the comfort of the general public, persons using the surrounding parklands and for the benefit of the neighbours.
- Social night tennis must be finished by the times set out in the SHTC information guide – lights will automatically switch off at 10.30pm. Players must leave the club's premises quietly and safely, shortly thereafter.
- Excessive consumption of alcohol is not an acceptable behaviour.
- Refrain from any form of harassment of any other person.
- If you witness improper behaviour on or off the tennis courts, or you feel you have been inappropriately treated by another person, you are welcome to bring the matter to the attention of the Tennis Club Committee, who will investigate the incident, as outlined in the Tennis Club's Constitution, and under advice from suitable authorities, and/or affiliated sporting organisations.
- Please respect the clubhouse, courts and surrounding grounds and treat the club's facilities as if they were part of your own home.
- If you use the clubhouse kitchen equipment or the barbeque to prepare meals after tennis, please ensure that all the facilities are left clean and suitable for other members to use after you. Please remove clean dishes and place dirty dishes and glassware in the dishwasher. If a dishwasher is full please follow the instructions to start the dishwasher on its cleaning cycle. Please take empty bottles down to the recycle bins under the clubhouse near the west gate.

## **Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct**

- Ensure that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule a child for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from our club's sporting activities.
- Avoid unaccompanied or unobserved activities with children, wherever possible.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your club members could not be participating in such a great sport.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure children are under parental control within the clubhouse, and on the grounds surrounding the tennis courts.
- If a child is unduly noisy or misbehaving, bring the matter to the attention of the child's parents, or the Junior Convenor/Supervisor, if he/she is present (during Junior's competition).
- If children who are not playing tennis, are outside of the tennis Clubs' secure grounds, either in the parklands or the council playground adjacent to the clubhouse, parents must take appropriate steps to ensure those children are safe.
- Check to make sure that the main entrance door to the clubhouse is always closed and locked, and especially when children are inside the clubhouse without an adult present.
- If members want to bring their dog into the tennis club's grounds the following rules must be followed: -
  - Dogs are not allowed on the courts at any time – they can cause damage to the courts' surface, and they could be a safety risk to players.
  - Dogs shall be under their owner's control anywhere within the club's outdoor areas and are not to be left unattended
  - Dogs are allowed onto the clubhouse balcony as long as they are under control, house trained and clean.
  - Dogs are not allowed inside the Clubhouse at any time.

## **Executive Committee - South Hawthorn Tennis Club**

### **City of Boroondara - Smoke-free Areas Local By-Laws**

We would also advise all members and visitors to our club's facilities that, under the City of Boroondara Smoke-free Areas Local By-laws, smoking is not permitted inside the clubhouse or within 10 metres of the Clubhouse, the tennis courts and the children's playground adjacent to the clubhouse entrance.