

# Code of Conduct – South Hawthorn Tennis Club

**All members of South Hawthorn Tennis Club (SHTC) are bound by the Club's Code of Conduct as a condition of membership. This code is to be read in conjunction with the SHTC Constitution and the requirements and policies of Tennis Australia.**

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

## **Code of Conduct**

- Play by the rules.
- Disagreements are to be resolved between Team Captains.
- Verbal abuse or bullying are not acceptable.
- SHTC expects all players, spectators, parents, coaches and visitors to demonstrate high standards of sportsmanship.
- SHTC values inclusion of all people and demonstration of a respectful non-discriminatory attitude and approach.
- The Online Booking System is to be used for booking Courts and Court use without a booking is not permitted.
- Only financial members and registered guests may use the Courts.
- Language in and around the SHTC grounds will be maintained at a respectful level and tone.
- Social night tennis must finish by the times set out in the SHTC information guide – lights will automatically switch off at 10.30pm. Players are to leave the Club's premises quietly and safely, shortly thereafter.
- All guest players must be registered in the Booking System and the guest fee paid (this is an important insurance requirement).
- Only moderate alcohol consumption is acceptable on SHTC premises.
- Smoking or vaping is prohibited in the club grounds and clubrooms.
- Improper behaviour or behaviour that makes a person feel uncomfortable on or off the courts, should be brought to the attention of the SHTC Committee (the Committee), who will investigate and take appropriate action.
- Please respect the clubhouse, courts and grounds. Courts are to be bagged after play and before the end of a booking with all litter removed (including used cans, can pull tops and discarded balls). EnToucAs courts are to be watered and rolled appropriately. No court is to be played on if it is waterlogged or otherwise unsuitable or unsafe for play.
- Safety and other signage is important.
- Use of inappropriate shoes can damage courts and is prohibited.
- The clubhouse and Clubhouse Kitchen or barbeque are to be left clean and suitable for other members to use. Please use the dishwasher (including loading and unloading) and the bins which are located near the west gate.
- SHTC strives to create a safe environment and members and visitors are encouraged to be security conscious and in particular ensure that gates are locked and only appropriate people (Members and Guests) have access to the SHTC grounds, Clubhouse and Courts.
- If you see something that you consider may be unsafe please make the Committee aware in order that the situation can be attended to promptly.

- Dogs are permitted but not on the Courts, Clubhouse or Veranda. It is the dog owner's responsibility to control the dog, keep the dog on a lease and ensure the dog does not make any person uncomfortable.

### **Safeguarding Children**

- Tennis Victoria has initiated Safeguarding Children on and off the Court and the Victorian Government has implemented 11 Child Safe Standards. SHTC is working with Tennis Victoria to implement these safety measures within our Club. Members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these measures.

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

- Child and Young Adult participation in Tennis and SHTC is a priority.
- All Parents and Spectators are to encourage participation, enjoyment, inclusion fair play and sportsmanship Any bullying or inappropriate conduct should be brought to the attention of the Committee.
- Show appreciation for volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them participation in our great sport would not be possible.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure children are under parental control within the clubhouse, and on Club grounds and where applicable in the surrounding Parkland and Playground.
- 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).

### **Dress Code**

- Clothing: Players must wear appropriate tennis attire on the court. This includes a shirt and shorts, a tennis dress, track suit and appropriate warm up clothing and/or leggings. Jeans or singlets are not allowed.
- Shoes: Players must wear tennis shoes specifically designed for court surfaces being used (Clay courts are particularly susceptible to damage from inappropriate shoes). Cross trainers, runners and joggers are not tennis shoes.

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

***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.***