

## TENNIS SECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

Exeter Golf and Country Club is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all of its members and visitors. It is important that all players, parents and coaches show respect for each other. Should you have any concerns about the welfare of any members, then please don't hesitate to contact one of the safeguarding team (contact information below).

All players, parents and coaches are expected to follow the code of conduct below:

### PLAYERS (ADULTS AND JUNIORS)

- Players will not use inappropriate language and racket or ball abuse will not be tolerated.
- When representing Exeter Golf and Country Club players will behave in a manner that will not in any way harm the reputation of themselves, tennis and the Club.
- Players will treat and respect all equipment, officials, opposition and associated people and in a way that they themselves would be expected to be treated.
- Players will play within the rules and respect the decision of any coaches/officials.
- Players must respect all participants regardless of age, gender, race, religion or sexual identity.

### PARENTS

- Will encourage juniors to learn the rules of tennis and abide by them at all times.
- Support your child and aid the developmental process both on and off the court.
- Behave in a manner that sets a positive example for others.
- Respect all officials, players, coaches and associated people and behave to them in a way that they themselves would be expected to be treated. Respect the decisions made by coaches/officials.
- Recognise good play from all players and not just focus on results.
- Never punish a child for losing or making mistakes.
- The first questions asked to any junior after a match should always be 'did you enjoy it?' or 'how did you play?', never 'did you win?'.

### COACHES

- Will respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat them equally within the context of the sport.
- Must place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of the performance.
- Will develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. FAIR Play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Will not tolerate inappropriate language, racket and / or ball abuse.
- Must maintain their coach accreditation.

### COURT ETIQUETTE

#### PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU

- Register at reception before play.
- Wear suitable sports clothing and appropriate tennis shoes.
- Supervise young children.
- Cancel your court if no longer playing.
- Have arranged payment for guests/visitors.

#### PLEASE REFRAIN FROM

- Walking on or behind a court while a point is in progress.
- Taking food or chewing gum on to the courts.
- Removing red hazard signs from the nets.

### SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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