

## **COMPETITION GUIDELINES - LTA CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **PLAYERS - ADDITIONAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT 2.**

#### **Each Player must:**

2.1 act with honesty, integrity and in a sporting manner (including with regard to any on court matters, such as line calls);

2.2 accept and respect (i) the authority of officials, (ii) the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to the relevant rules and regulations, and (iii) decisions made by officials;

2.3 not violently, dangerously, in anger, or with the intention to cause harm or damage to a person, the object itself or another object or property, hit, kick, throw or use as a weapon, a tennis ball, racket, or other equipment; 9A child is an individual under the age of 18  
[https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/about\\_lta/safeguarding/british-tennis-safeguarding-policy.pdf](https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/about_lta/safeguarding/british-tennis-safeguarding-policy.pdf)

2.4 during any match:

2.4.1 not receive coaching (including during the warm-up), except (i) where play is suspended and the Players are off court, or (ii) where explicitly permitted in terms of the relevant competition rules or regulations<sup>11</sup>; 'coaching' is to be interpreted widely and considered to be communication, advice or instruction of any kind, audible or visible, and by any means, to a Player;

2.4.2 not leave the court (including during the warm-up) except with the permission of an appropriate official appointed in respect of the relevant match/competition (unless an appropriate official is not on the court and the player is calling for the referee in terms of LTA Competition Regulation 5.55);

2.4.3 not refuse to play or fail to be ready to play within 15 minutes of their match being called or within the allowed time due to a medical condition or treatment or having left the court with appropriate permission;

2.4.4 use their best efforts to win each match in which they participate; and 2.4.5 complete each match in which they participate unless they are not reasonably able to do so;

must at all times conduct him/herself in a sportsmanlike manner with due regard to the authority of officials and to the rights of opponents, spectators and other persons.

## **COACHES, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS PERSONS STANDARDS OF CONDUCT - ADDITIONAL**

4. Each parent, coach and other Player Support Person must:

4.1 act as a positive role model by maintaining the highest standards of disciplined and sporting behaviour and projecting a favourable image of tennis and (where relevant) the tennis coaching profession or other Game-related vocation;

4.2 accept and respect (i) the authority of officials, (ii) the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to the relevant rules and regulations, and (iii) decisions made by officials;

4.3 refrain from (i) becoming involved in any on court/in-match matter, including line calls and scores; (ii) engaging with the player's opponent(s) and/or playing partner; and/or (iii) engaging with the opponent's Player Support Person(s) or any other Participant(s), other than in a positive and respectful manner;

4.4 act in the best interests of the player(s) they support, including by being honest, realistic and consistent with them, and teaching them (and accepting) that the player(s) can only do their best;

4.5 be sensitive to each player's self-esteem when providing constructive feedback, including where the player may have made a mistake or lost a match;

4.6 involve each player in decisions that will affect them;

4.7 prepare each player to respond to success and failure in a dignified manner and encourage and facilitate each player's and/or trips at no or reduced cost to the player and/or any Player Support Person. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of what constitutes support "in kind" 3 independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions;

4.8 actively discourage the ingestion or use of any (i) drug (except one required for legitimate medical treatment) or illegal substance of any kind, in either case whether or not performance-enhancing, or (ii) "Prohibited Substance" in terms of the LTA Anti-Doping Regulations;