

## Code of Practice for members

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PRINCES RISBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB believes that it is important that members, coaches, volunteers and parents/guardians should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have with:

**MR LINDSAY SMITH, CHAIRMAN (Tel 07922 011756)**

As a member of PRINCES RISBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

### **ALL Members...**

- must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity
- should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions, or inform the coach or team captain if they are going to be late
- must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions. This includes recognised non-marking tennis shoes and appropriate sports clothing - jeans are not allowed on the courts
- must not smoke in the clubhouse or on the courts
- must pay any fees for membership, training or events promptly
- must collect visitors fees of £2 (adults) or £1 (juniors) from guests they bring to the club and pass the fees to a committee member as soon as possible; visitors may only play three times, after which they must become a member to continue playing at the club
- must close the gates during play and lock them when they leave the club
- must not damage the tennis nets; please lower nets after play to reduce tension on the posts
- must leave bikes in the racks provided (assuming you have a bike; it is not compulsory for members to own a bike!)

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### Junior members

- Junior members are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the premises or whilst representing their team at competitions
- Skateboards and roller blades are not permitted on the courts and must be left outside the court gates; any member caught using these items on the courts will have their membership terminated

### Parents

- The club will not be liable should any injury or damage occur as a result of an under-12 being left unsupervised in the clubhouse or anywhere in the club's grounds
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results. Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport; never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Be patient - steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match - just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!