

Code of Conduct for Forestville Park Tennis Club

All members of Forestville Park Tennis Club (FPTC, “the club”) are bound by the code of conduct as a condition of membership. This code of conduct is to be read in conjunction with the rules and by laws of Tennis, policies from Tennis Northern Beaches, Tennis NSW and Tennis Australia.

FPTC is administered and run by volunteers who appreciate the help and input from fellow members to ensure the facilities and experiences for our members are continually being improved and enjoyed by all. Should you have any concerns with any aspect of the club or its members, please discuss these with any member of the current committee or write to your committee at secretary@forestvilleparktennis.com.

The purpose of this document is to set out the standards of behaviour expected of committee members, players, parents and spectators.

Committee Members Code of Conduct

In agreeing to be part of the committee, each member must also agree to adhere to these codes at all times.

- Attend committee meetings or forward your apology prior to the meeting.
- Adhere to the policies and procedures established by FPTC.
- Be aware of your legal responsibilities and adhere to the legislative requirements of the club.
- Always look for opportunities for improved performance of the club operations and committee functions.
- Attend to your fiduciary responsibility and make decisions based on what is best for the club, not for individual interest or gain.
- Do not take advantage of your position on the committee in any way. Do not receive personal financial benefit from gifts as a result of your position on the committee. Respect the equipment and resources of the club and only use these in club related business.
- Declare any conflicts of interest as they arrive and act to ensure that these conflicts do not pose a risk to the club.
- Maintain strict impartiality and be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Be open to feedback from members and respond appropriately.
- Be a positive role model for others and demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example. Your language, presentation, manners and punctuality should reflect high standards.
- Be professional and treat all people associated with the club, including members, volunteers, partners, external stakeholders, and other committee members with respect.
- Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures.
- Always consider the welfare of the club’s members above success on the court.
- Maintain currency with a volunteer Working With Children Check.
- Maintain a physically and mentally safe environment for all club members and visitors.

Players and Spectators Code of Conduct

- Understand and operate within the rules of tennis.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Play social tennis in a spirit of mutual enjoyment.
- Refrain from any form of harassment or abuse towards, or discrimination against others. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.
- Maintain high standards of personal behaviour including, but not restricted to, language, temper, punctuality and fair sportsmanship. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others and applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Be a positive role model, especially for our junior members. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
- Respect the role of our coaches and let them do the coaching.
- Resolve any conflicts fairly and promptly. If necessary, ask for assistance from a committee member.
- Take care of and respect the equipment and facilities provided by the club.
- Do not use your involvement with FPTC to promote personal beliefs, behaviours or practices or business interests.
- Maintain a physically and mentally safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
- No-one should be on the FPTC premises outside normal operating hours without permission of the committee.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

- Remember 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.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 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 sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.