



INGATESTONE & FRYERNING TENNIS CLUB

9 HIGH STREET
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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MEMBERS / USERS

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING TENNIS CLUB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING TENNIS CLUB believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others as well as themselves and value the Club and Club property. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have with:

Suzanne Emond (*Club Child Protection lead*)
Josh Ratnage (*Head coach*)
Gráinne Stephenson (*Health and safety lead*)

As a member of INGATESTONE & FRYERNING TENNIS CLUB you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

ALL Members

1. All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
2. All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
3. Members should keep to agreed timings for coaching and competitions, or inform their coach or team captain if they are going to be late.
4. Members must wear suitable tennis footwear and clothing when using the courts and must also carry their membership tags (where issued).
5. Members must pay any fees for membership, visitors, coaching or events promptly.
6. Members are not allowed to smoke on the premises.
7. Members should value and respect the clubhouse, courts and neighbouring properties.
8. Members should, wherever possible, keep tennis balls within the confines of the Club premises.
9. Members' conduct should be courteous, avoiding language which might cause offence to others.
10. Members must abide by the Club constitution and rules and those of the Essex County Lawn Tennis Association (ECLTA) and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).

Juniors

1. Juniors are not allowed inside the Clubhouse unless adult members are present on the premises.
2. Juniors' guests are only allowed with the permission of, and at the discretion of a Committee member.

Parents

1. Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
2. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all and not just results.
3. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
4. Publicly accept judgements made by match officials and coaches and discourage unfair play.
5. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
6. Be patient - steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common.

Approved IFTC Committee May 2013 (revised Nov. 2016, minor revisions March 2021)