

Parents play an instrumental role in sport and children depend heavily on their involvement, support and encouragement. Collectively we have a responsibility to create safe, fun and rewarding tennis environments and experiences. To help support your child's involvement in tennis and to assist in them enjoying their Herts Tennis experience we ask that you to adhere to the Herts Parent Code of Conduct:

- Teach children that honest and determined effort is the primary measure of success; make every effort to focus on long-term development and enjoyment ahead of results.
- Promote the Herts Tennis values and Herts Players "Commitment to Fair Play and Professional Conduct"
- Never punish or belittle children for losing or making errors.
- Use correct and proper language at all times and set a good example by your own conduct and behaviour.
- Recognise fair play and applaud good performances.
- Encourage children to respect the rules of the game and observe fair play both on and off court.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Encourage children to treat other players, team mates, coaches, parents and officials with respect.
- Promote safe and inclusive tennis that is free of discrimination.
- Accept decisions and judgments of officials and players as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Do not communicate with your child or court officials during a match.
- Support the removal of verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Demand that sports environments are free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Help children develop tennis independence and self-responsibility by encouraging them to prepare/carry their tennis bag, warm up/cooling down and demonstrate good practice/competition habits.
- Encourage your child to respect their training/competing environments and equipment (tennis rackets must not leave their hand or be hit).
- Parents of children representing the County at events are required to complete the "Consent and Emergency Contact Form".
- If you have concerns regarding the welfare of children please contact the LTA Safeguarding Team – 020 8487 7000, <https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding-protection/> - Outside office hours call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. If someone is in immediate danger call 999.

### **Herts Tennis Values**

**Honesty – Excellence – Resilience – Teamwork - Sportsmanship**