



HERTS TENNIS – Unsupervised Children Policy for Herts County Team Events

Herts Tennis is committed to prioritising the well-being of all children and adults at risk; we recognise that we have a collective responsibility to promote safeguarding in our county and strive to ensure that we provide safe and inclusive tennis environments.

All involved in Herts Tennis activities commit to upholding the Herts Tennis policies as detailed at <https://hertstennis.co.uk/about/safeguarding/>

This policy is in relation to children being unsupervised at any venue whilst attending Herts Tennis County Team Events held there

- Children under the age of 18 years old remain the responsibility of their parent/guardian at all times, whether they are accompanied or not.
- Children involved in 8 & under, 9 & under, 10 & under and 11 & under County Team events must not be left unattended unless for a specific reason as pre-agreed with Herts Tennis and with written parental consent.
- For children aged 13 or older or involved in 12 & under events it is a decision for the parent/guardian as to whether their child is of an appropriate age to be left unsupervised at the tennis venue while their child participates.
- Herts Tennis reserves the right to insist upon a child not being left unsupervised.
- When a child is left at the tennis venue, the Herts coach will be responsible for the child during on court activities and tennis matches only.
- Parent/guardian must arrive 15 minutes before the end of the event or at the agreed collection time.
- If the parent is delayed, they must call or text the lead coach to let them know and give their expected arrival time.
- For children involved in 8 & under, 9 & under, 10 & under, 11 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under events or under 13 years of age, if the parent is delayed collecting their child a Herts coach will wait until the child is collected.
- The hosting venue staff are not able to supervise children attending County Team events.
- Unless otherwise agreed players attending County Team events are not permitted to use other sports facilities at the hosting venue.
- If the hosting venue staff have concerns, they will refer these to the County & the Club Safeguarding Officers.