



HERTS TENNIS – Unsupervised Children Policy for Herts County Training

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 Training Sessions & County 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 County Training sessions must not be left unattended unless for a specific reason as pre-agreed with Herts Tennis and with written parental consent.
- For children involved in all other County Training age groups it is a decision for the parent/guardian as to whether their child is of an appropriate age to be left unsupervised while their child participates in the session.
- 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 supervise the child during the training session only.
- Parent/guardian must arrive a minimum of 10 minutes before the end of the session to collect their child.
- If the parent is delayed, they must call or text the lead coach to inform them of their expected arrival time.
- For children involved in 8 & under, 9 & under, 10 & under, 11 & under, 12 & under and 14 & under county training/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.
- Children under 10 years old must be escorted when using the venue changing facilities - if a parent/guardian is not present a Herts coach will escort the child.
- The hosting venue staff are not able to supervise children attending County Training.
- Unless otherwise agreed players attending County Training sessions 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.