



## SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Remain professional at all times. How you act, look, speak

Use appropriate language at all times and challenge anyone who swears or uses unacceptable language in front of or toward children and young people;

Work and communicate openly and in an open environment, avoid situations that could be misinterpreted in both tennis settings and with social media

Don't communicate with Children or Young People on a non Tennis related matter, don't follow or get followed on social media, report any non Tennis communication immediately to The Head Coach and Committee at your venue

Be aware of the power and trust held as a person in a position of trust, treating this position and power with the highest of responsibility.

Maintain professional relationships with children at all times and know that any form of sexual relationship with someone under 18 is against the law and breach of their position of trust

Act as excellent role model at all times; which includes refraining from smoking or alcohol or illicit substances when coaching or around tennis environments

Use positive reinforcement for discipline and report to the Safeguarding Team anyone who is seen to intimidate, threaten or act in a way that is physically or verbally abusive and agree to challenge a child or other person who acts in this way;

Work in an open and accountable manner. Don't be alone with Children or young adults in clubhouses etc unless it's for a good reason and their parents are aware i.e "it's raining so can you pick your child up and we'll be waiting in the clubhouse"

Challenge poor practice of others including members on adjacent courts or a more senior coach than yourself.

### TYPES OF ABUSE:

1. Emotional / Psychological;
2. Physical;
3. Sexual; and
4. Neglect

Abuse can be in person or via mobile phone, social media or word of mouth

**If you have any concerns, or wish to report anything, you can call the British Tennis Services team on: 020 8487 7000 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or email the Safe and Inclusive Tennis team: [safeandinclusive@lta.org.uk](mailto:safeandinclusive@lta.org.uk). If you wish to speak to someone outside of office hours, you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or if someone is in immediate danger, call the police (999).**