

SURBITON METHODIST CHURCH LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Code of Conduct for All Members (September 2017)

Surbiton Methodist Church Lawn Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members, ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with an officer of the club, preferably the captain. Any concerns about the safety of children or vulnerable adults at the club should be reported immediately to an officer of the club and the Church Safeguarding Officer. As a member of Surbiton Methodist Church Lawn Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

1. Members must take responsibility in ensuring they are up to date with the rules and by-laws, understand and adhere to them;
2. Members should respect the relationship between the Club and Surbiton Methodist Church and support the distinctive ethos which this offers;
3. Members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity;
4. Members must respect officials and publicly accept their decisions;
5. Members should be a positive role model, treat other players and officials with the same level of respect they would expect to be shown to themselves;
6. Members must use correct and proper language at all times;
7. Members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs on club premises;
8. Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform other players if they are going to be late;
9. Members must wear suitable clothing and soft rubber sole shoes on the courts in accordance with the club by - laws;
10. Members must pay subscriptions and fees promptly;
11. The Club operates under the Health & Safety Policy of the Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. Members must take care for their own safety and the safety of others;
12. The club operates under the Safeguarding Policy of Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. Members must be aware at all times of the importance of safeguarding and how to raise concerns about safeguarding issues;
13. Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated. Encourage everyone to enjoy sport and understand that people have different motivations for taking part.