

Blackrock Bowling and Tennis Club

Code of Conduct for Parents

The rules are outlined below and we expect all parents and juniors to observe them. Note that as a result of the increasingly vibrant junior section, it is more important than ever to observe these rules.

Parents are expected to:

- Deliver and collect their child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat tops, hat, gloves, etc.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Children must be in a fit state of health before playing tennis or coaching. Any changes in the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions
- Inform the coach prior to departure from the club if the child is to be collected early from a coaching session
- Transport their child to outside games. If parents are unable to do this they must arrange and be satisfied with the alternative transport arrangements
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best, i.e. focus on effort rather than on performance
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines
- Show appreciation and support the coach
- Ensure their child is punctual
- Be realistic
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met
- Accept the official's judgment
- Acknowledge the role of the club coaches who ensure children's participation in the club
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the Junior Committee/ volunteers/ play leaders who provide their free time to ensure children's participation in the club
- Recognise the developmental needs of Junior Licensees/ capacity of children/ young people including those with a disability, avoiding excessive training or competition and not pushing them against their will
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for fun
- Not to treat the club as a child minding service

There is no supervision of juniors other than at organised coaching sessions, junior camps, fun tennis and junior tournaments.

Any misdemeanours and/or breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Club official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend games if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent / guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean that Blackrock Bowling and Tennis Club officials will ask the child to leave the club