



HOYLAKE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

LTA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PLAYERS (ABRIDGED)

PURPOSE

This code of conduct is an abridged version of the LTA [Code of Conduct](#) January 2025. It reflects the LTA's mission to grow tennis in a welcoming, enjoyable, and inspiring way, promoting inclusion and good sporting behaviour. It serves as a guide for players to understand their responsibilities and the expected standards of conduct in all tennis-related activities.

Players are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the full [Code of Conduct](#) and any additional standards relevant to their role to ensure compliance and uphold the integrity of the sport.

PLAYERS AGREE TO:

1. Conduct themselves in a professional and appropriate manner and with the highest standards of disciplined and sporting behaviour
2. Help create a safe, inclusive, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable environment, both on and off the court
3. Treat all other players and officials fairly and with respect
4. Not verbally, physically or emotionally abuse another player in any way
5. Not act in a violent, threatening, intimidating, harassing or deliberately provocative way that may reasonably be interpreted as intended to offend, insult, humiliate, ridicule or cause harm or fear.
6. Value diversity and not unlawfully discriminate against anyone (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation)
7. Not do anything, on or off court that is unsporting or insulting
8. Not use any language on or off court including in email, online, social media platforms or group chat that contravenes this code of conduct
9. Not use an audible obscenity and/or make an obscene gesture of any kind towards another player while playing, coaching, supporting or spectating

10. Ensure the safety and welfare of children and adults at risk who are involved in the game
11. Not participate in playing whilst under the influence of any prohibitive substances or alcohol
12. Act with honesty, integrity and in a sporting manner with regard to on court matters such as line calls
13. Not behave dangerously in anger with the intention to cause harm or damage to another person or hit, kick or throw or use as a weapon, a tennis ball, racket or other equipment during play
14. Not receive coaching during play

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with the LTA's Code of Conduct may constitute misconduct or prohibited conduct under the LTA Disciplinary Code. Consequences can include:

1. Disciplinary proceedings by the LTA
2. Suspension or removal from competitions
3. Breach of contractual or regulatory obligations
4. Other corrective actions as deemed appropriate by the LTA

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