**Blackheath Wanderers Lawn Tennis Club**

**Codes of Conduct**

Blackheath Wanderers LTC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, committee members, hirers/guests and parents/guardians should, at all times adhere to all the club policies thus ensuring that everyone is shown respect and understanding , that court priorities are followed and that we assure the safety and welfare of all club users.

We encourage members to share any concerns or complaints they may have with the Safe Guarding Officer, Julie Spencer, who will ensure that they receive the proper consideration.

As a member of Blackheath Wanderers Lawn Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice.

**All members agree to:**

* play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
* ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs and sexual identity.
* report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the club Safe Guarding Officer
* pay any fees for membership renewal, training or events promptly
* wear suitable kit for match sessions and training
* keep to agreed timings for matches, events and competitions or inform the team captain or coach if they are going to be late
* collect the appropriate visitor fee for any visitor they bring to play at the club
* support efforts to support the long term sustainability and vitality of the club
* ensure they lower the nets at the end of their session and that club premises are left clean and tidy
* not participate in inappropriate actions including racquet throwing, swearing, being abusive or aggressive, intimidating behaviour, questioning another person’s integrity over line calls or other actions or causing danger or harm to other players through their play

**All children including Junior Members and Non Members agree to:**

* be friendly, supportive and welcoming to other children and adults
* respect club staff, volunteers and officials and accept their decisions
* behave, respect and listen to their coach
* treat fairly and respect the rights of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race culture, religion or sexual identity. It is better to be kind and supportive than cruel and cutting both on and off court
* play fairly and honestly
* take care of their own equipment and club property
* not use bad, inappropriate or racist language, including on social media
* not bully, harass or intimidate anyone , including on social media
* not smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs of any kind on club premises or while representing the club at competitions or events
* talk to the club Safe Guarding Officer about any concerns or worries they have about themselves or others

**All parents agree to:**

* support their child’s involvement and help them to enjoy tennis
* encourage their child to learn and play within the rules of tennis
* publicly accept judgements made by officials
* set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all players
* use correct and proper language at all times
* do not interfere during a match - just enjoy the game and let official take care of the rules!

**Hirers/Guests agree to:**

* Adhere to the Club Code of Conduct

**BWLTC COMMITTEE**

**December 2023**