

Kemnay Tennis Club safeguarding policy

Kemnay Tennis Club (founded in 1924) has a mission to provide a safe, respectful and friendly environment for people to play tennis. We are mindful of supporting all potentially vulnerable tennis players and have an inclusive open access policy to provide opportunities for anyone to play tennis in Kemnay.

- Commitment to protecting all children:

Safeguarding children is a priority at Kemnay Tennis Club and is the responsibility of all who use the tennis courts whether they are members of the tennis club or not. Using the tennis courts and club house demonstrates agreement with our supporting safeguarding policy. No bullying or harassment of any kind is acceptable and everyone is expected to use the facilities in a respectful manner.

- Supporting procedures:
 1. Junior tennis coaching is supervised by a professional tennis coach who is accredited by the Lawn Tennis Association, has an up to date CRB check and attends safeguarding training every three years.
 2. Junior coaching is supported by parents and guardians. All junior coaching is done with signed agreement by parents and guardians, with junior membership of the club as mandatory. Additionally, the club requires completion of a document summarizing each child's family contact details, medical conditions and GP practice
 3. Young children should be accompanied by an adult when playing tennis or being coached.
 4. Participation in tennis summer schools during the holidays requires parental/guardian consent.
 5. Children playing tennis outside coaching times should have parental support and if possible participation. Tennis players under 14 years of age should not attend adult social tennis sessions alone (without a parent/guardian or older sibling). Tennis players over 14 years of age can participate in adult social tennis events after discussion

between the player, parent/guardian and an officer of the tennis club.

6. The tennis club-house is open to all for the use of tennis club activities (coaching, competition and social tennis). Keys for the club house are only held by adult members of the club and children should be accompanied by a responsible adult when using club house facilities.
7. Outside of club and professional coaching activities Kemnay tennis courts has an open access policy and parents should take all reasonable precautions that would apply whenever children are playing in public spaces.

- Concerns:

This document is a living document that can be added to, amended and developed to improve policy. Any concern or questions should be addressed to the tennis club's secretary at roderick.scottart@gmail.com