

Giffnock Tennis, Squash & Hockey Club - Code of Conduct

Coaches and Officials

Giffnock Tennis, Squash & Hockey Club (GTS&H) is committed to prioritising the well-being and protection of all children and adults at risk, promoting safeguarding in our club at all times. GTS&H Club aspires to providing an environment where our players feel safe, protected and nurtured in an environment in which they can thrive.

Coaches and Officials play a vital role in the sports at GTS&H Club. They ensure players are safe, developing their sporting skills, maintaining enjoyment of the game, and building lifelong connections to the games that we all love. Coaches and Officials are in a unique position of trust in sport, and therefore it is important that they adhere to the highest standards of best practice.

As an Official at GTS&H Club, I will:

- Abide by GTS&H Club Wellbeing and Protection Policies and Procedures
- Ensure that my CWPS training, declarations, and PVG are up to date
- Treat everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion, or political affiliation
- Treat every player equitably
- Remember that I am a role model, and shall always behave in an ethical and professional manner
- Refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol and/or other substances during club activities or coaching sessions.
- Respect the decision of umpires and officials, and encourage players to do the same
- Positively promote the reputation of GTS&H Club
- Remember that the safety and wellbeing of young players is the paramount consideration
- Report any concerns that I have seen or been advised of to the Wellbeing & Protection Convenor at GTS&H Club

I will never:

- Engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Exert undue influence over players, parents, or colleagues
- Bring the game into disrepute
- Enter into an inappropriate relationship with a young player or young official
- Use social media to share harmful, offensive, or inappropriate views on the game, or anyone involved in the game

I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to consequences, including:

- Receiving a Verbal Warning
- Receiving a Written Warning
- Being subject to a period of supervision
- Being required to attend additional training/education
- Being suspended from GTS&H Club
- Being suspended from matches /club activities
- Be referred to Police Scotland and/or other relevant statutory body
- Being referred to the relevant Sports Governing Body
- Being referred to Disclosure Scotland