



Adapted from Tennis Ireland Child Protection Fact Sheet 5  
[http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/child\\_protection](http://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/child_protection)

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE

### THE TENNIS/SQUASH PLAYER WILL:

- Play fairly and have fun
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis into disrepute.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions
- Talk to the children's officer if you have concerns
- Respect opponents and always shake hands at the end of a match
- Use his/her best efforts in competitive matches
- Refrain from the use of bad language and inappropriate gestures
- Refrain from ball/ racquet abuse
- Refrain from the use of coaching during competition
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court
- Never use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Never pass on gossip about another player or adult
- Never make false allegations about another player or adult
- Never keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm
- Win with grace and lose with dignity

### CHILD/ YOUTH MEMBER HAS THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe
- Be listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability

- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help

All Junior and Juvenile Members agree to read the Sandycove Tennis & Squash Club Code of Conduct above and agree to abide by the guidelines as set out in the code.