

Escrick Tennis Club

Safeguarding

- Escrick Tennis Club is absolutely committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and adults participating at Escrick Tennis Club.
- Safeguarding training and criminal records checks are mandatory for all Coaches used by I CAN PLAY TENNIS LTD
- As per our procedures anyone who has a concern with regards to the well-being of a child or adult at risk should speak with the Club Welfare Officer.
- Any allegation, suspicion of harm, or concern, is taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.

If you have any concerns, or wish to report anything please contact our Club Welfare Officer:

NAME: Matt Ward
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CONTACT: 07882267971

Child Protection Policy

Child Protection and Good Practice in sport:

1. Children have a right to be in a safe environment and Escrick Tennis Club has a duty to provide that security.
2. Matt Ward is appointed to have specific responsibility for the safety of children and has undertaken awareness training.
3. All club members, including children, are able to contact Matt Ward if they have concerns about an adult's behaviour, and must be assured that confidentiality and support are available and that appropriate action will be taken.
4. All coaches / volunteers / officials have clearly defined roles.

What to expect of all adults working with children in tennis:

- Professionalism and the highest standards of personal behaviour at all times.
- Awareness of situations in which actions may be misconstrued or manipulated by others. For example, if the coach or official is alone with a child in the clubhouse, changing rooms or similar place, they are open to the possibility of allegations about their behaviour. The presence of others acts as an insurance against false allegations.

- Vigilance and awareness of how actions can be misinterpreted. For example, adolescent girls can have emotional feelings towards male coaches. While these should not be encouraged, neither should they be dismissed and the youngster hurt as a result.
- Avoidance of showing favours or interest in one child more than another.
- Awareness that physically handling a player, perhaps to help develop a game skill such as the backhand swing, can be misconstrued by an observer or even by the player.
- Awareness of the language used in discussions with children. Never swear and do not use or respond to sexual innuendo.
- Use of training methods and training programmes that are appropriate to the player.
- Ensuring that another adult is always present when working with children in trips away from home. For example, another adult should always be present if a child's room is visited at any time, and the door should always be open.

I Can Play Tennis Ltd ensure that all adults working with children have DBS clearance

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LTA

For background information:

- **The LTA works closely with the Child Protection In Sport Unit (CPSU) and NSPCC to develop robust policies and procedures to safeguard children and adults at risk, achieving the NSPCC & CPSU's National Advanced Standards for safeguarding and protecting people in sport.**
- **Safeguarding training and criminal records checks are mandatory for all Accredited Coaches. The LTA provides training for volunteers, welfare officers and officials; and all LTA staff receive mandatory training.**
- **The British Tennis Safeguarding policy is on the LTA website , and sets out their approach to safeguarding, including the key principles and best practice guidance;**
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If you have any concerns, or wish to report anything, you can call the British Tennis Services Tennis team on: 020 8487 7000 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or email the Safe and Inclusive tennis team on: safeandinclusive@lta.org.uk.

If you wish to speak to someone outside of office hours, you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or if someone is in immediate danger, call the police (999).