

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a player with an involvement with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), through support via our wider support mechanisms including but not limited to Pro Scholarship Programme (PSP), National Age Group Programme (NAGP), Official trips, National camps, Tournament Bonus Scheme and Junior Grand Slam grants or by accessing or using the facilities at the National Tennis Centre (NTC), the player is aware that he/she is representing British Tennis at all times and that the highest standards are expected in appearance, conduct and behaviour. The Player is therefore committed to conducting himself/herself in a proper manner at all times. In particular, as a condition of his/her receipt of support from the LTA, the player will:

1. Make every effort to maximise his/her potential as a player by developing their sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and fitness as well as prioritising their personal development and giving maximum effort to strive for the best possible performance during a game;
2. Abide by all the rules, policies and procedures currently adopted by Lawn Tennis Association Limited (and any of its group companies), Tennis Europe, the ITF, the Tennis Integrity Unit and the ATP/WTA (as appropriate) (including but not limited to the rules, policies and procedures of those bodies regarding anti-doping and match fixing, financial speculation and/or betting) and accept the jurisdiction of those bodies to discipline the player for an apparent breach of those rules, policies and procedures;
3. Conduct himself/herself in a correct and proper manner including by not doing anything which brings the LTA, British Tennis or the player themselves into disrepute;
4. Not be convicted of any criminal offence which the LTA believes would adversely affect the sport, the reputation of the sport, the LTA or its commercial partners; and
5. Not make any public statement (whether verbally or in writing) which is defamatory or derogatory in relation to the LTA, its employees or staff, its commercial or other partners nor make any public statement which could constitute a personal attack on another competitor.
6. Conduct himself/herself in a professional and considerate manner whilst at the NTC which includes but is not limited to;
 - a. being punctual to all sessions;
 - b. ensuring he/she leaves areas clean and tidy (e.g. player's lounge, bedrooms, café, gym, sports science rooms);
 - c. wear appropriate shoes and clothing at all times;
 - d. being respectful to all staff, players and other users of the centre;
 - e. no smoking, drinking of alcohol or taking drugs of any kind.
7. Talk to the LTA Safeguarding team about any concerns or worries they have about them self or others.
8. Not abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such.

Please note that any failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in action being taken against a player under the LTA Player Disciplinary Procedure.

The LTA may unilaterally make changes to the Code of Conduct. Any changes will be published online in advance of the changes being effective.

