



# Leopardstown Tennis Club

## Code for Tennis Coaches/Leaders in Leopardstown Tennis Club

In order to act as a role model and to promote their safety and the safety of juniors at LTC, all our coaches/leaders should:

- Obtain and maintain all appropriate information in relation to every child to ensure their safe inclusion.
- Please keep this information confidential unless the child's welfare requires sharing it on a need to know basis.
- Plan and prepare appropriately for all sessions and programmes.
- Ensure the physical environment and all equipment are safe to use.
- Ensure there is adequate supervision at all times.
- Keep attendance records.
- Communicate behavioural and participation expectations in advance to children.
- Ensure all play is age and level appropriate.
- Prioritise skills development and personal satisfaction.
- Avoid favouritism – each child deserves attention according to their tennis need.
- Enable the praising and encouraging of effort as well as results by setting realistic goals.
- Do not expose a child to criticism, hostility or sarcasm.
- Never swear at, ridicule, shout unnecessarily or argue with a child.
- Never use physical force against a child.
- Never use verbal and physical punishments or exclusion for mistakes.
- Show respect for all involved, children and adults.
- Involve and update parents, especially if a problem has arisen.
- Acknowledge that the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco is incompatible with a healthy approach to all sport.