

# Byfield Tennis Club

## Code of conduct for coaches and volunteers

Byfield Tennis Club coaches and volunteers involved in sport for children and young people have a great opportunity to be a positive role model and help build an individual's confidence.

Coaches and volunteers are expected to:

- **Prioritise the well-being of all children and adults at risk at all times**
- **Treat all children and adults at risk fairly and with respect**
- **Be a positive role model. Act with integrity, even when no one is looking**
- **Help to create a safe and inclusive environment both on and off court**
- **Not allow any rough or dangerous behaviour, bullying or the use of bad or inappropriate language**
- **Report all allegations of abuse or poor practice to the club Welfare Officer**
- **Not use any sanctions that humiliate or harm a child or adult at risk**
- **Value and celebrate diversity and make all reasonable efforts to meet individual needs**
- **Keep clear boundaries between professional and personal life, including on social media**
- **Have the relevant consent from parents/carers, children and adults before taking or using photos and videos**
- **Refrain from making physical contact with children or adults unless it is necessary as part of an emergency or congratulatory (e.g. handshake / high five)**
- **Refrain from smoking and consumption of alcohol whilst working as a volunteer or when coaching**
- **Ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly outlined and everyone has the required information and training**
- **Avoid being alone with a child or adult at risk unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- **Refrain from transporting children or adults at risk, unless this is required as part of a club activity (e.g. away match) and there is another adult in the vehicle**
- **Not abuse, neglect, harm or discriminate against anyone; or act in a way that may be interpreted as such**
- **Not have a relationship with anyone under 18 for whom they are coaching or responsible for**
- **Not to have a relationship with anyone over 18 whilst continuing to coach or be responsible for them**