



HACC Tennis Section
Manor Abbey Sports Ground, Manor Way,
Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 8RW

HALESOWEN TENNIS CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

Halesowen Tennis Club expects anybody who comes to the club to abide by the following code of conduct, whether they are a club member, a parent or guardian of a club member or are visiting the club as a guest or player.

This Code of Conduct sets out what the club regards as good practice for all members to follow and reflects the friendly and co-operative spirit which members at the club have enjoyed for many years.

It is available so that every member is clear what is expected in order to create the right playing environment in which everyone can enjoy their tennis.

The Club may suspend or cancel membership for breach of the Club's Code of Conduct.

General Etiquette

- For your own safety and the protection of the courts please do not go onto the courts unless you are wearing the correct footwear
- Do not use abusive language towards others
- Do not make gestures which may offend others
- Do not walk in front of club house whilst a game/rally is in progress on Court 2 to avoid distracting players. Wait for an appropriate time, i.e. change of server or change of ends
- If you have a court booked and arrive to find a match is underway, wait for the court to be vacated
- Never jump over the net, lean on the net or lean against/pull the side netting or fencing
- Never take bicycles, scooters, skateboards or any similar equipment onto the courts
- Always ensure court is padlocked, the club house is locked and car park barrier is padlocked if you are the last person to leave

General Behaviour

- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others
- Refrain from any form of harassment of others
- Maintain a safe environment for the conduct of all club related activities
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured

- Be a positive role model
- Operate within the rules and etiquette of the sport
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Halesowen Tennis Club into disrepute
- Understand that there may be repercussions for the club by your actions

All Players

- Always collect up the tennis balls, including any that are on the grass banks, when you have finished playing
- Unless very wet, always brush the court after you have finished playing
- Win with grace and lose with dignity
- Play by the rules and enjoy your tennis
- Avoid arguments with officials or opposing players
- Respect opponents and always shake hands/touch rackets at the end of a match
- Control your temper. The verbal abuse of officials, taunting of other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour
- Swearing and shouting should be avoided and you should be especially aware of your language and behaviour when juniors may be on adjacent courts
- Refrain from ball/racket abuse. Behaviour such as throwing down of rackets, hitting rackets hard on the ground in anger is not acceptable.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of the game
- Recognise and acknowledge good play whether it is your own team or the opposition
- Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- Co-operate with your fellow club members, team captains, team-mates and opponents
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. The club is opposed to discrimination in any form

Coaching Sessions

- Abide by the rules set down by the coaching team
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of tennis into disrepute
- Respect club officials and accept their decisions
- Talk to the coaching staff if you have any concerns

Mobile Phones

Unless absolutely vital, all mobile phone and other communication devices should be switched off or set to silent mode as these can disrupt play.

Smoking

The Club is a 'no smoking' area – this includes the clubhouse, courts and a 3-metre zone around these areas.

Clubhouse

The facilities of the clubhouse are available to all members. Please treat the clubhouse furnishings and equipment with respect. Do not sit on the heaters, put feet on the tables or seats or kick balls around.

Please keep clubhouse clean and tidy, wash up and put away any cups, plates or cutlery used.

Car Park

Please park considerately and be aware at all times that there may be children on and around the car park area.