



**LANGFORD**  
TENNIS CLUB

# Child Protection Policy



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The aim of this policy is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect and members, non-members and visiting place to plays and teams are not denied access to Langford Tennis Club because of a discriminatory reason.

This policy is fully supported by the Langford Tennis Club Committee, which is responsible for the implementation and review of this policy.

Langford Tennis Club:

- a) aims to create an enjoyable environment for all juniors who wish to take part in tennis and related social activities
- b) believe that children and young people have the right to be safe, secure and free from threat
- c) believe that young people have the right to be treated with respect, and to have their concerns listened to and acted upon
- d) will ensure that the needs of junior members are provided for through specific programmes, designated facilities, and safe practice
- e) has procedures in place to address poor practice, and to help any young person who appears to be at risk, or who appears to be the victim of abuse
- f) will offer help and support when a child or young person tells us that they are affected by these issues
- g) will take steps to ensure that any volunteers or professionals working with children are suitable to do so, through the use of references and background checks
- h) will ensure that all relevant people have been vetted and approved through the LTA's Criminal Record Bureau disclosure process
- i) will ensure that all of those working with children are made aware of the LTA code of conduct for people working with children in tennis, and are required to follow it

## Coach / Player Ratio Recommendations

There are many considerations when setting coach / player ratios. Ultimately the responsibility lies with coaches and their tennis venues. When setting ratios, the coach and venue must ensure;

- • On court activity is safe
- • On court activity is delivered with quality
- • On court activity represents good value for money
- • Supervision of children will not be compromised in the event of an emergency (or other

situation) that requires the coach to leave the court/club Coach / player ratios will vary depending on the following factors;

- • The age of players
- • The facilities available



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- The activity taking place
- The level & experience of coach

It is not possible to give definitive guidance on coach / player ratios due to the considerations above. However, as a useful starting point the table below provides general guidance on coach / player ratios for recreational coaching delivered at optimum quality.

When working alone, as a minimum all coaches should be Level 2 qualified and in possession of a valid DBS check.

Activity	Recommended Ratio	Space	Considerations
TOTS (3-4 years)	1:12	Flexible – not necessarily on tennis courts	Assumption parents are providing on court support. 1:4 with no parental support.
Mini Tennis (Programme)	1:8	Relevant size tennis court for stage	Ratio can increase by 4 players for every assistant
Mini Tennis (Taster / School sessions)	1:12	Flexible – not necessarily on tennis courts	Ratio can increase by 8 players for every assistant (school teacher).
U14	1:12	Across 2 full size tennis courts	4 players per court
U18	1:12	Across 2 full size tennis courts	4 players per court
Adult Coaching / Training	1:12	Across 2 full size tennis courts	4 players per court
Cardio Tennis Training	1:24	Across 2 full size tennis courts	Assess activity based on number of attendees, weather and assistant support

## Key Contact: Child Protection Officer

Langford Tennis Club has an adult member who is specifically responsible for child protection:

Member Welfare & Child Protection Officer:

Paul Jaggard – [welfare@langfordtennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welfare@langfordtennisclub.org.uk) Tel - 07738341061

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