



### **Tennis Coaching Aims and Objectives at Scone Tennis Club**

This is what we are trying to achieve with your children through a structured coaching programme delivered by our highly qualified Head Coach and assistants as appropriate:-

STC is a community club and above all we want your child to enjoy playing at STC.

In addition to and as part of their coaching we will be encouraging them to participate as fully as possible with the focus being on their progressive improvement allied to helping them gain visible achievements.

This is how we are going to do it:-

- i. Manageable coach to member ratios on court
- ii. Published lesson plan or a program available for each block
- iii. Seek appropriate managed use of helpers, parents and tennis coaches and assistants when available to support the Head Coach & work together as a team
- iv. The Head Coach will use helpers & assistants in an appropriate way, according to their qualifications and expectations, in which they will be fully supported, guided and supervised throughout their given task. The Head Coach will monitor these assistant supporters & introduce to parents and children at the start of each session
- v. STC will seek high standards and expectations and encourage tolerant behaviour to, from or between all stakeholders
- vi. All children will receive quality, age appropriate professional coaching, irrespective of experience or ability
- vii. Ensure all coaches or helpers are PVG checked & ratified by the STC Club committee
- viii. Make available a summary of child achievement level and progress in key areas & offer targets to focus on for development and offer tennis opportunities out-with coaching
- ix. Ensure our coaches comply with our Coach Charter through STC committee meetings

STC will continue to ensure the latest Safeguarding procedures and developments are up to date by having nominated officials attend courses or undertake online courses to assist in this area. STC will encourage early discussions involving the STC Child Protection Officer.

Comments on our coaching aims & objectives are very welcome and will help build on good practice.

Feedback and Suggestions boxes will be available in the clubhouse & should any discussion be required then an approach should be made to the STC Secretary in the case of any disputes.

There will be a survey during the season as part of on-going club self-evaluation into specific areas of the governance of the club. STC will refer to the LTA Club Serve website for good practice guidance.

### **Parents/Carers & Coaches Charter for Scone Tennis Club**

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the context of their sport.
2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of the performer above the development of performance. They should follow all guidelines laid down by their Sport's Governing Body and hold appropriate insurance cover.
3. Coaches must develop an age appropriate working relationship with performers, especially children, based on mutual trust and respect. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
4. Coaches must encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own behaviour.
5. Coaches should hold up-to-date nationally recognised Governing Body coaching qualifications.
6. Coaches must ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
7. Coaches should at the outset clarify with performers, and where appropriate their parents, exactly what is expected of them and what performers are entitled to expect from their coach.
8. Coaches should co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, medics) in the best interest of the performer.
9. Coaches should always promote the positive aspects of their sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
10. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.