



CODE OF CONDUCT 2015/16

Welcome to the Vine Vale Tennis Club. We aim to provide all members an enjoyable time whilst learning new skills and developing an overall positive sporting experience.

To be able to provide all members, spectators, parents and visitors a positive environment we expect everyone to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the club at all times.

We have introduced a code of conduct which must be followed at all times. The committee may make decisions from time to time for the benefit of the club. Not everyone may like these decisions, but we are aiming to improve the club so that it will benefit everyone for many years to come.

The code of conduct also includes the new smoke free laws that came into effect last year. These are also to be followed at all times for the benefit and the health of all concerned. We would remind everyone that visits Vine Vale Tennis Club that smoking is prohibited in the club rooms & under the veranda. There is a designated smoking area located at the end of the clubrooms (opposite end of playground)

In order to keep children safe when they are accessing services in the community the children's Protection Act 1993 requires that organisations providing certain services to children create & maintain a child safe environment.

Vine Vale Tennis Club is committed to protecting children from physical, sexual, emotional and psychological harm from neglect. Vine Vale Tennis Club has 2 appointed Child Safe Officers on the committee, with a number of members also mandated reporters.

The Child Safe Officers can be the first point of contact for members who have concerns about a child or young person within our club. The Child Safe Officers for Vine Vale Tennis Club are Pricilla Heidenreich and Sean Heidenreich.

Please read the following information so that we can provide a positive environment for all concerned.

PLAYERS

- Never argue with an official. If you disagree have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport. **Any unacceptable behaviour will result in a verbal warning. If the behaviour continues you will be removed from the game and forfeit your game score.** Unacceptable behaviour may include shouting at another player, throwing of racquets, swearing at your opponent or yourself. Any team member who deems someone's behaviour has the right to verbally warn & remove someone from the court. Continual unacceptable behaviour may result in you being suspended from playing for a period of time.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your 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.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.



- Respects the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PARENTS

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition. Any signs of emotional or physical abuse towards children during a game will result in parents being asked to leave the court area and further action taken if necessary.
- Remember that children learn by best example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

COACHES/TEAM MANAGERS & CO-ORDINATORS

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
 - Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
 - Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
 - Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
 - Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.
 - Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
 - Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
 - Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
 - Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, Cultural background or religion
 - Make it clear that abusing young people in anyway is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Any person appearing to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the Club immediately. Other intervention (eg. police) will be called if deemed necessary.



SMOKE FREE LAWS

Smoking is banned in cars when children are present. Section 48 of the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 states:

A person must not smoke in a motor vehicle if a child is also present in the motor vehicle. Maximum Penalty \$200. Expiation fee \$75

In proceedings for an offence against this section an allegation in the complaint that a child was present in a motor vehicle at a specified time will be accepted as proved in the absence of proof to the contrary.

In this section – child means a person under 16 years of age, motor vehicle has the same meaning as in the Motor Vehicles Act 1959.

The Smoke Free Law

- Bans smoking within 10 metres of children's playground equipment.
- Bans smoking under covered public transport waiting areas, including bus, tram, train and taxi shelters and other areas used to board or alight from public transport that are covered by a roof
- Gives local councils and other incorporated bodies the ability to apply to have an outdoor area or event declared smoke free.

SUN SAFETY

Vine Vale Tennis Club promotes and encourages Sun Safety with all its members. We request that all members take Sun Safety very seriously and always apply sunscreen when going on court and reapply as needed. Please remember to always wear a hat on court. Vine Vale has hats for sale if you require one. Vine Vale has shaded areas which to sit under when not on court. Sunscreen is also available in the clubrooms.

HEAT POLICY

In line with our sun safety policy games will be cancelled under the following conditions:

Seniors - if the weather on the Australian Bureau of Meteorology website is forecast for 36 or above at Nuriootpa at 5.30am on Saturday.

Juniors - if the weather on the Australian Bureau of Meteorology website is forecast for 38 or above at Nuriootpa at 4.00pm on Friday.

There is no heat policy for night tennis, if unsure please contact your team manager.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I..... have read and fully understand the Vine Vale Tennis Club Code of Conduct and will adhere to all that it contains. I am aware that I may be suspended from playing tennis if any of my behaviour is continually deemed as being inappropriate. This decision will be made by the Vine Vale Tennis Club committee.

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

I..... consent to my &/or my childrens' photo and Name appearing in the following forums Facebook, Vine Vale Tennis Club Website, Local Newspaper

Please list all family members covered by this acknowledgement & consent

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Signed for & on Behalf of all family members listed above

Date