SOUTHEND LAWN TENNIS CLUB SUPERVISON OF CHILDREN WHILST ON CLUB GROUNDS STATEMENT

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SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN WHILST ON CLUB GROUNDS POLICY

Southend Lawn Tennis Club is committed to the wellbeing of children, always promoting safeguarding at any event, including squads, lessons and tennis camps.

Southend Lawn Tennis Club Safeguarding Policy, strives to minimise risk, deliver a positive tennis experience for everyone, and respond appropriately to all safeguarding concerns/disclosures.

This policy relates to children being unsupervised whilst attending Southend Lawn Tennis Club events.

The following apply:

- Any child, under the age of 18 years old, remains the sole responsibility of their parent/guardian at all times – whether they are accompanied or not.
- It is a decision for the parents/guardians as to whether their child is of an appropriate age to be left unsupervised, but Southend Lawn Tennis Club do not expect children under the age of 12 to be left unaccompanied, except by prior agreement.
- Southend Lawn Tennis Club have the right to insist on a child being supervised.
- If anyone has concerns regarding the wellbeing of any child at an event, these to be initially referred to the Event Safeguarding.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to remain on Site during training sessions or competitions.
- When a child attends a training session or competition and is to be left unsupervised, the Coach taking the session will assume responsibility for the child whilst the child is on court for the duration of the session.
- Parents/carers should accompany their child to and from the toilet/changing rooms where possible and necessary
- When a child attends a training session or competition, and is to be left unsupervised, parents/guardians must advise the coach accordingly and have agreed appropriate arrangements with the

coach to ensure the safety of the child when the session is completed.

- When a child attends a training session or competition and is to be left unsupervised, parents/guardians must make the child aware of any alternative collection arrangements in the event they are delayed. They must also notify the coach of the delay and advise them of the alternative arrangements.