

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a family club, certain standards are required of our members, both while at Southend Lawn Tennis Club and also while representing the club in away matches or tournaments at other clubs.

Behaviour on court is at all times to be courteous and polite.

Foul and abusive language is unacceptable, as is aggressive or threatening behaviour.

Derogatory comments about opposition or partner are also unacceptable.

Any member encountering this sort of behaviour, either to themselves or aimed at other members or opponents must report the issue at the earliest possible opportunity to the Club Captain, Men's Captain or Ladies Captain.

The Captain will then discuss with relevant members and if required immediate action can be taken. The issue will then be raised at the next committee meeting for discussion.

The Club Captain has the authority to apply immediate playing bans on any member that is breaching the clubs Code of Conduct. This could be a ban on matches or social tennis, depending on area of issue. After discussion with the committee, a further ban may be applied. Communication on the issue may be sent to the offending member regarding further behaviour. In the case of extreme issues, or repeat offences, the member may have his or her membership terminated with immediate effect.