

JUNIOR PARENTAL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018/19

Junior Parental Membership allows only the parent named below to hit with their child on courts 4-7 only on Saturdays & Sundays from 5 til 7pm & Sundays

**ALWAYS WEAR NON MARKING TRAINERS & TENNIS WEAR;
NO FOOTBALL/RUGBY ETC SHORTS / SHIRTS PERMITTED.**

YOUR SON / DAUGHTERS (JUNIOR CLUB MEMBER) NAME: _____

PARENTS Name (Block Capitals Please)		Date of Birth:	/ /
PARENTS Gender	Male / Female (delete as appropriate)		
Address Post Code			
Contact Numbers	Home		
	Mobile		
Email address:			

Please provide contact emergency details in case of an emergency:

Name (please print)	
Relationship to emergency contact	
Contact Numbers	Mobile
	Home

I wish to apply to become a JUNIOR PARENTAL MEMBER. I enclose a cheque (payable to Gidea Park Lawn Tennis Club) / cash for £ 50-00 or have paid via bank transfer to 309344 17693368. Please use the box below to describe any special care needs, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions:

I agreed to and accept the ‘Code of Conduct for Parents’, as overleaf.

Parent declaration

Signed: Date:

Name: (please print)

By completing this membership form you will be automatically signed up as a British Tennis Member for FREE, and you agree to abide by the Terms & Conditions of the British Tennis Membership (BTM) at www.lta.org.uk/BTMTC and that the LTA and its directly affiliated bodies (see www.lta.org.uk/affiliatedbodies) can use your personal data, including sensitive personal data that you provide, for purposes of your involvement in British Tennis, and to send you by post, email or SMS information related to those purposes. Being a British Tennis Member will enable you to take advantage of the many benefits offered to BTM including Wimbledon tickets, exclusive news and discounts.

For more information visit www.lta.org.uk/membership

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Username: _____ Password: _____

To be completed by junior club secretary once joined

Code of Practice for Parents/ Guardians

Gidea Park Lawn Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, volunteers and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to put in writing any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club to: - **Mrs. Jan Towers – Gidea Park Lawn Tennis Club Secretary.**

As a member of Gidea Park Lawn Tennis Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.
- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children; peaks and plateaus are common.
- Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!

COURT ETIQUETTE FOR ALL USERS

Tennis etiquette is different from the rules of the game. It covers a broad range of actions and behaviours which are traditionally considered acceptable on and around the tennis court.

Tennis Court Etiquette

- When playing please wear recognised sports clothing (not jeans etc) and most importantly "Tennis Shoes ". This is for two reasons, first, **other shoes mark and damage the courts and second, non tennis shoes do not grip the courts** as well and can cause accidents and avoidable injury if you were to fall or slip
- **Please do not walk behind players** whilst a game or a rally is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.
- If you are trying to **cross a court please wait at the net for a break in play or until you are invited** to and it is safe to do so.
- If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately, wait until the owners are ready and then hit it to the server's end.
- During play and particularly between games, keep the amount and volume of conversation down to a minimum necessary to play and enjoy your own games. Too much social chatter or debate can be disturbing to those on adjacent courts who came to play tennis.
- Line calls can be a problem and the majority of experienced players use what the Americans call the 'honour system'.
 1. Only call the lines on your side of the net.
 2. Call clearly and firmly what you see and what you honestly believe to be correct.
 3. If you are not absolutely certain or didn't see the ball clearly, the ball was IN and must be given in the opponents favour.
 4. If occasionally you have serious doubts as to your opponents eye-sight, ask politely if they are certain as to the accuracy of their call. If they say that they are, get on with the next point.
 5. If you feel your opponent regularly have difficulties making correct calls, start looking for different opponents! h
 6. If in social friendly matches there is some doubt over a line call, offer to play the point again rather than cause undue aggravation and time wasting.
- **Do not criticise** your partner or opponent, be positive and offer encouragement instead.
- **Body Language** - tennis can be a frustrating game if you are not getting your serves in or not hitting your shots, but **try to remain upbeat and happy**. Your opponent and/or doubles partner doesn't want to be playing tennis with someone **who is miserable** so cheer up! You are more likely to play better tennis if you are calm, relaxed, focused, and in a positive frame of mind