



## PEPPERMINT GROVE TENNIS CLUB, INC

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Peppermint Grove Tennis Club is administered and run by volunteers who appreciate the help and input from fellow members to ensure the facilities and experiences for our members are continually being improved and enjoyed by all. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to preserve the integrity of tennis within Peppermint Grove Tennis Club and to promote sportsmanlike conduct at all times. Should you have any concerns with any aspect of the club or its members, please discuss these any member of the current committee.

#### ***Players Code of Conduct***

As a player, you should:

- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor. Conduct yourself in a professional manner. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Cooperate with your teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the umpire, match referee or other adjudicator.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
- Always respect the use of the facilities and equipment provided.
- Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as harassment, sexual or otherwise towards others.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

#### ***Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct***

As a parent or spectator, you should:

- Encourage children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Do not criticize your child or others' children in front of others.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer team managers, officials and administrators.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everyone regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

#### **Penalties**

Where, in the opinion of the Management Committee, a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred the Committee may impose a warning or a suspension or expulsion depending on the severity of the breach. The Management Committee's decision will be final and binding on all parties.