Stirling Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Policy on children using the venue

**Formal Coaching:**

All coaches at SLTSC are approved by the LTA. They therefore must have completed Safeguarding Training and be members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG).

Coaches will ensure the safety of the children during the session

Parents/carers are responsible for the ensuring the safe arrival to and departure from the coaching session

**Children under 16 using the venue unsupervised:**

SLTSC wishes to promote safe and enjoyable tennis by all. The venue is not staffed and cannot offer supervised tennis or squash out with formal coaching sessions.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure the safety of children using the venue by putting in place appropriate supervision and arrangements for arrival and departure. Advice from Tennis Scotland is that children under 13 should always have adult supervision which would be the responsibility of parents and carers to arrange.

Parents/carers should be aware that the gents toilet is located at the far end of the changing rooms and users must therefore pass the open gents shower area. ( The Club is looking into this in 2021 with a view to making the area more suitable)

**Some basic expectations of all users:**

Please do not drop litter

Do not let non members onto the courts

Do not give out the gate or door codes to non members

Visitors should put the appropriate fee in the honesty box (NB maximum of 3 visits per year, £4 per visit)

Treat other users with courtesy and respect

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