



Club Code of Conduct

- Vaughan Tennis Club, hereafter referred to as “The Club”.

All players, their supporters, and officials have a duty to encourage and maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and fair play, and are under an obligation to avoid all conduct, acts or practices, which are perceived to be detrimental to the integrity of the Game.

1. **Fair Play** - Players shall call all balls, double bounces, and foul shots, fairly and honestly as described in the latest edition of the “Rules of the Court” and adhere to the Code for playing without a chair umpire. This includes calling out the score after every point, using score cards when provided, and making out calls loudly or sufficiently visible so one’s opponent is aware of the call, etc. Line calls must be made so that one does not have a second chance to win the point. That is, the call is to be made before one’s own next shot lands out, bounces twice, goes into the net or hits a permanent fixture.
2. **Abuse of Balls** - Players and their supporters shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball while on the court except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For purposes of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously within the court or hitting a ball with disregard of the consequences.
3. **Abuse of Equipment**- Players and their supporters, shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment within the precincts of The Club. For the purposes of this rule, abuse of racquets or equipment is defined as

intentionally, dangerously and violently destroying or damaging racquets or equipment or intentionally or violently hitting the net, court or other fixture out of anger or frustration.

4. **Physical Abuse**- Players and their supporters, shall not at any time physically abuse any coach, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of The Club. For purposes of this rule, physical abuse refers to the unauthorized touching of another person.
5. **Verbal Abuse**- Players and their supporters, shall not at any time verbally abuse any coach, opponent, spectator or other person within the precincts of The Club. For the purpose of this rule verbal abuse is defined as any statement directed at another person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.
6. **Audible Obscenity** - Players and their supporters, shall not use audible obscenities while on- site. An audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard.
7. **Visible Obscenity** - Players, and their supporters, shall not make obscene gestures while on- site. A visible obscenity is defined as the making of a sign with one's hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly have an obscene meaning.
8. **Coaching Interference** - Players shall not receive coaching during a match. Communications of any kind, audible or visible, between a player and a third party shall be construed as coaching. This includes messages sent to players via handwriting or electronic devices.
9. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct** - Players and their supporters, shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the rights of opponents, spectators and others at The Club.
10. **Punctuality** - Players are responsible for being ready to play when their match is called, which includes: wearing proper attire, having already used the washroom facilities, and preparation of all their equipment.

When a player is playing an Inter-county Tennis Association league match, players will

follow all ICTA rules including punctuality, match start times and penalties associated to those rules.

11. **Player Eligibility** - Players may only enter and compete in league match or tournament category for which they are eligible.
12. **Non-Payment of Fees/Member in Good Standing** - Players are required to pay all fees to The Club, Coach or tournament coordinator. Failure to do so will eliminate the player from participating in any program, lesson, league or tournament.

Disciplinary Action

Any player/member in contravention of the code of conduct can be removed from a program, lesson, league, tournament and /or have their membership revoked by the club executive, without a refund.

Minor Offence - The player will be notified of the offence in writing via email, with a warning. Two warnings in the same year, the player will be removed from the program, lesson, league and/or membership revoked without refund.

Gross offence - In the case of a gross offence, the player will be immediately expelled from The Club by the executive without refund. That player will not be able to return to the club in subsequent years.

A gross offence includes but not limited to, physical abuse by player's own body, equipment, ball and/or uttering a threat of harm to another player, coach, club executive or supporter.