

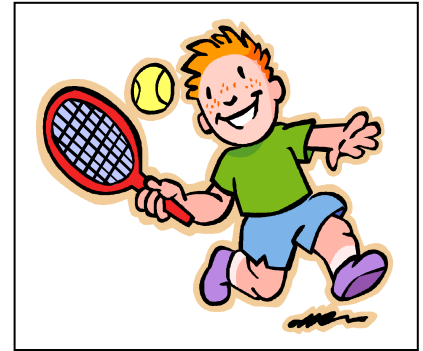
Kids in Tennis

Tennis for most children is about having fun. However the fun of tennis can be spoilt by adults or other children who make a child feel bad, unsafe or scared.

If anyone makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, or if you feel worried or frightened, you should talk to your parents or an adult that you trust. You can also speak to our Club's Contact Officers - Mark Greenwood, President (0404461022) or Kerri Crisanti, Harassment Free Sport Implementation Officer (0410 699797) or Tennis SA's Member Protection Officer (7224 8100) or you can phone the Kids Helpline on 1800 551800.

Players have a right to:

- be safe and protected from any harm or abuse
- participate equally with everyone else
- be respected, cared for and listened to
- be supported by others while playing tennis
- be safe from put-downs, harassment, teasing and bad language.



Players are responsible for:

- acting within the rules and spirit of the game (**refer Club Handbook**)
- giving their best efforts at training and in matches
- supporting team and club members
- accepting the decisions of coaches and officials
- showing respect for other players and volunteers
- controlling their temper / keeping their emotions in check
- caring for any equipment used to play tennis
- not using put-downs, harassment, ridicule or bad language
- not looking at or touching anyone in ways that make them feel uncomfortable

What to do if you are feeling concerned

Do not feel guilty about telling others that you feel unsafe, scared or abused. No-one deserves to feel that way, and it is not okay for it to continue. Don't keep it to yourself: Tell someone you trust.

Tell someone trustworthy, even if you feel:

- scared and embarrassed
- guilty that you didn't stop the abuse from happening
- worried that the person is someone that is looked up to in sport
- like you're letting your parents or the team down
- that the problem will go away if you ignore it
- you will get in trouble or get someone else into trouble
- the other person told you it was your fault
- you still like the person who makes you feel unsafe.

Tell someone you trust, even if the person hurting or worrying you:

- told you to keep quiet and not talk to anybody
- threatened you about what will happen if you tell
- made threats to harm your family or friends
- said that no-one will believe you and they won't do anything about it if you tell
- tried frightening you because they are in a position of power and trust, such as a coach or official.

Tell your parent or guardian or a trusted person that you are unhappy. Tell them all about what is happening, so they can help you. Remember, you can also talk to the **TTG Tennis Club's President – Mark Greenwood – 0404461022**, or **Kerri Crisanti (0410 699797)**, **Tennis SA (7224 8100)**, the **Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800)**, or the **SA Police (131444)**.