

## **LTCC – Code of Conduct**

1. Except on official match and competition days, Court clothes are not permitted in the Lounge Bar, or other Club rooms
2. Members and their guests are expected not to bring outdoor wear, sports bags or any other luggage into the Club Lounge Bar
3. Mobile phones are permitted in all rooms provided they are on silent and calls are only taken in the Dressing Room and Entrance Hallway
4. Members who introduce guests into the Club are fully responsible for conduct of their guests
5. Members shall not remove or borrow books, magazines or current newspapers from the Club
6. When Members are visiting other clubs they are expected to represent the club in such a way that would be a credit to LTCC
7. Members behaviour on court is expected to adhere to the Markers' Protocol – An extract of which can be found in the Galleries Corridor
8. Members spectating matches are to be respectful of all players and the marker at all times
9. When representing the Club in matches, it is customary for members, regardless of the time of their own match, to attend lunch and entertain visitors
10. Members are reminded that it is considered ungentlemanly conduct to serve the 'Boomerang' at any time

# Extract of Markers' Protocol

## Players' and Coaches Conduct on Court.

Players and coaches shall conduct themselves both on and off the court in a manner consistent with the exemplary standards of etiquette, sportsmanship and conduct expected of the sport. Gamesmanship is part of the mental side of sport, but must never be inconsistent with those standards.

In particular, players must:

- A. Abide by the laws and spirit of the game;
- B. Not use excessive force when aiming directly for the Dedans from in front of the Service Line at the Hazard End. Observation of this rule shall be the responsibility of each player, but the marker shall warn any player who he considers to be non-compliant;
- C. Ensure that play throughout is reasonably expeditious, especially in changing ends and in being ready to serve and receive service, as laid out in the Markers' Guidelines (Appendix1).
- D. Accept the decisions of markers, assistant markers and tournament referees without question or protest;
- E. Exercise self-control at all times;
- F. Treat their opponents, fellow participants and officials with due respect at all times;
- G. Accept success, failure, victory or defeat with good grace and without excessive display of emotion;
- H. Not behave in any other way likely to bring the game into disrepute.

## **Disciplinary Procedures on Court**

In the event of a conduct issue contravening good conduct as described above the marker should act immediately in line with the Recommended Actions below.

Deliberate racket abuse

- A. A racket thrown in frustration.
- B. A racket or any other item thrown or hit in anger.

Deliberate ball abuse

- A. A ball smashed against the wall, over the net or at any netting.
- B. A ball deliberately hit at the marker or an opponent or a spectator.
- C. A ball hit aggressively when not in play

Foul or offensive language

- A. Muttered foul, offensive or abusive language
- b. Clearly audible foul, offensive or abusive language

Verbal or non-verbal dissent to Marker, opponent, spectator/crowd

Slow play and time wasting

Any other antisocial conduct

Violent conduct of any kind

Any other actions that bring the game into disrepute

Any action that threatens the safety of the other player(s), marker, or spectators.

## Marker - Recommended Actions

At the start of a match the Marker, as part of his introduction, should, if he feels it is necessary, remind players of the standard of conduct that is expected and required as laid out in a Markers' Guide.

At the sign of any issue arising, the Marker should act immediately and attempt to defuse any situation prior to escalation by immediately approaching the player and having a quiet word, or issuing an informal warning.

If a further instance of one of the above issues occurs the Marker should give an audible formal warning.

Certain conduct may be considered of sufficient severity that a quiet word would be insufficient and the Marker issue an immediate warning.

The wording used by all Markers should be consistent; the recommended wording is,

*Informal Reminder of conduct required - '(name) I remind you that players are expected to conduct themselves to the standards as laid out in the Marker's / Players Guide'*

*Official Warning - '(name) your conduct is unacceptable. This is your first and only warning. Should you continue in your actions, or breach the required standards of conduct in any other way you may forfeit the match'*

*On the occasion of a further offence - '(name) I have previously warned you of the consequences of your unacceptable conduct. You have continued to fail to comply with the standard of conduct required and I have no choice but to award the match to Opponent.*

Or on the occasion of one off offence that requires instant dismissal - '(name) I warned you of the consequence of any unacceptable conduct at the start of the match. You have seriously failed to comply with the standard of conduct required and I have no choice but to award the match to Opponent.

In the event of a formal warning or the forfeiture of the match, the Marker will write a report to the tournament organizers who will, on consideration, decide on whether any further action should be taken.

At the start of a match and as part of his introduction, the Marker should remind the coaches that they are not allowed to coach their player at any time during the match, or in the case of team matches inform the coach of the coaching protocol.

If a player's coach is excessively vocal in his support for his player to the extent it is intrusive to the balance and flow of the game, the Marker, after a quiet word, has the authority to have the coach removed from the court.

The marker also has absolute discretion to warn, or have removed from courtside, any spectator or other individual whose conduct is detrimental to the match.

## Markers' Guide to actions

The suggested actions are a guide and the markers needs to use their discretion as to the severity of the misdemeanours.

On court disciplinary Issues First Action

Deliberate racket abuse

- A. A racket thrown in frustration > **Informal reminder**
- B. A racket or any other item thrown or hit in anger > **Formal warning**

Deliberate ball abuse

- A. A ball smashed against the wall, over the net or at any netting > **Formal warning**
- B. A ball deliberately hit at the marker or an opponent or a spectator > **Formal warning**
- C. A ball hit aggressively when not in play > **Formal warning**

Foul or offensive language

- A. Muttered foul, offensive or abusive language > **Informal reminder**
- B. Clearly audible foul, offensive or abusive language > **Formal warning**

Verbal or non-verbal dissent to Marker, opponent, spectator/crowd > **Formal warning**

Slow play and time wasting > **Informal reminder**

Persistent slow play and time wasting > **Formal warning**

Any other antisocial conduct > **Informal reminder**

Violent conduct of any kind > **Dismissal**

Any other actions that bring the game into disrepute > **Formal warning**

Any action that threatens the safety of the other player(s), marker, or spectators > **Dismissal**