

# NBTC Member Coaching Policy

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NBTC has contracted with Tennis Matters to provide coaching services at the Club. Under the contract Tennis Matters has exclusive rights to the use of our courts for professional coaching purposes. In return, Tennis Matters make an important financial contribution to the Club. The contract also provides that the Club will prevent members from undertaking activities that appear to be coaching and that the services provider should be protected from adverse perceptions that may arise from non-professional coaching activities undertaken by members. In addition, only coaching lessons run through the contracted coaches of the Club can provide the full legal insurance that is necessary for everyone's safety.

The Committee wishes to ensure that it meets its contractual obligations but also that members have reasonable opportunity to practise their tennis skills, either alone or with their children. Other than immediate family (defined as partner/children), Members must not provide coaching services of any kind.

## Guidance on 'appearing to coach'

The following guidance is intended to be illustrative of the kinds of behaviours and activities that should be considered in determining whether the above principles are being complied with.

When practising tennis skills alone or with their children, members should not:

- bring an excessive number of balls to the court (e.g. up to 10 balls would be considered reasonable)
- bring coaching equipment to the court which may create the perception of professional coaching (e.g. cones, basket, tubes etc.)
- have more than three (3) children with them on the court at any one time

If a member is unsure whether their proposed practising/coaching activity is consistent with the principles, the member should seek guidance from the Committee prior to proceeding.

## Reporting breaches

- Members or coaches who are concerned about what appears to be inappropriate coaching activity on another court may politely raise the issue with the person(s) concerned and point out the Club's policy position.
- If the person(s) persists with the activity the matter should be reported to the Committee.
- Members/coaches should not take it on themselves to enforce the policy on the spot.

Non-adherence to this policy may result in referral to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee for resolution, which may include termination of membership.