

# Onkaparinga Tennis Club Incorporated

## ***Policy: Spectator Behaviour***

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### **Our Commitment**

Our club is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Angry, aggressive or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families and friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- using bad language;
- harassing or ridiculing players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance;
- arriving drunk at a game.

### **What We Will Do**

- Provide members and their parents and sporting personnel with codes of behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Where possible, bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry and by requiring parents to abide by club rules (e.g. by signing code of conduct or registration forms).
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by displaying signage, posters, web messages and through other club communication.
- Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
- Ban bringing alcohol or drinking alcohol at junior games or junior events.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary.
- Encourage our players, coaches, officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

### **What We Ask You To Do**

- All members and sporting personnel must abide by our Club's Code of Behaviour.
- If it feels safe, speak with the parent or spectator and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or committee member present at the game ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the club president or someone in a position of authority.

- Call the police or a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

### **Non-Compliance**

Parents found to have behaved inappropriately and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our Club's Code of Conduct and this policy may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy or other welfare policy.