

# Guidance for League

## General:

Before signing up to be a named player in any league representing Ratoath Tennis Club,

- Players must ensure their club membership is fully paid up and that there aren't any other outstanding payments.
- Players must ensure they are available for at least 80% of match dates. Failure to field a team after an entry has been submitted can lead to costly fines of up to €500.

A league functions as a team-oriented event where the primary focus is on optimizing team performance. It is imperative that all players prioritize the team's best interests and demonstrate respect for the Men and Ladies' captain's decisions regarding team selection and player positions.

All named players must pay league fees prior to the first match. Failure to make this payment will result in ineligibility to participate and removal from the team.

## League Players:

- League players should make best efforts to attend scheduled training practice once a week.
- Players who cannot attend a league match or who are injured, must notify their partner and team captain as soon as possible.
- Please be courteous to all players on and off court.
- Players (or parents / guardians) will be required to pay a fee and to keep up with the schedule of training and matches organised by the team captain.
- Players (or parents / guardians) who do not engage with team captains may be asked to leave league teams.
- League players represent the club and should behave appropriately, keeping frustrations in check.

## Parents/Guardians:

- Parents/Guardians must be visible courtside at all league training sessions and matches. Other team members are not Garda vetted and are not able to supervise.
- Parents or Guardians are responsible for getting their junior to and from matches. Juniors are not permitted to travel with adult team members unless they are nominated guardians.

## Team Captains:

- If any junior team member is not being supervised or transported appropriately, please contact the Children's Officers - Emma Clarke Conway: 087 2981944 or DLP Charlotte Molloy: 086 3809572
- For your own safeguarding, always ensure that you have one other adult present when in the company of juniors and, if in doubt of how to deal with a situation, contact one of the Children's Officers above.

- Team captains are required to submit scoresheet results for DLTC league matches to Charlotte Molloy (086 3809572) via WhatsApp and for Leinster League matches to Josune Montalban (086 2005800) by 10pm on the match day. Failure to adhere to this deadline will result in scores not being submitted.

### **Club Members:**

- When attending league matches, please be mindful that your comments, whether positive or negative, can be overheard by all players on the court. Please refrain from vocal commentary. If you have any concerns or issues, please address them privately with a team captain.