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## Code of Conduct 2026

All persons in attendance at Quaker Park Tennis club or participating in a QPTC sponsored event, must adhere to the Code of Conduct.

All persons in attendance at the club have a duty to encourage and maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and fair play. They are under an obligation to avoid conflict, acts or practices, which are perceived to be detrimental to the integrity of the game or to the Club.

The following has been summarized for the general needs of the Quaker Park Tennis Club (QPTC) from the *Ontario Tennis Association's (OTA) Code of Conduct*. In the event that a situation at QPTC is more complex than addressed below, the Executive will refer to the complete OTA Code for direction but is free to take appropriate action as provided in the bylaws.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT "GROUNDS" AS REFERRED TO IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT, REFERS TO THE PROPERTY OF QUAKER PARK TENNIS CLUB, KAWARTHA CREDIT UNION AND ALL PARKING LOTS ADJACENT TO SAID BUILDINGS. THE CODE IS ALSO APPLICABLE WHERE A MEMBER IS PARTICIPATING IN A QPTC SPONSORED ACTIVITY OR EVENT.**

**Fair Play:** Players shall call all balls, double bounces and foul shots, fairly and honestly and adhere to the code of playing without a chair umpire. This includes calling out the score after every point, making calls loudly or sufficiently visible so one's opponent is aware of the call. Line calls must be made so that one does not have a second chance to win the point. That is, the call is to be made before one's own next shot lands out, bounces twice, goes into the net or hits a permanent fixture.

**Abuse of Balls:** Abuse of balls, players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball while on the grounds in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). For purposes of this rule, abuse of balls is defined as intentionally or recklessly hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously within the court or hitting a ball with disregard of the consequences.

**Abuse of Equipment:** **NO ONE** shall violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a racquet or other equipment while on the grounds.

**Physical Abuse:** **NO ONE** shall at any time physically abuse another person within the grounds. Physical abuse refers to the unauthorized touching of another person.

**Verbal Abuse:** **NO ONE** at any time shall verbally abuse another person while on the grounds. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement directed at another person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

**Audible Obscenity:** **NO ONE** shall use audible obscenities while on the grounds. Audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard.



**Visible Obscenity: Players and their supporters** shall not make obscene gestures while on the grounds. A visible obscenity is defined as the making of a sign with one's hands and/or racquet or balls that commonly has an obscene meaning.

**Unreasonable Delays: Following** expiration of the warm-up period, play shall be continuous. A player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any reason.

**Failure to Give Best Effort:** All players shall use their best-efforts during matches when competing in a tournament.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Players, and their supporters, shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.

**Proper Attire:** All players and guests shall wear appropriate attire consistent with the expected attire for a tennis facility.

**Failure to Appear:** Entering a tournament and failing to appear without adequate reason and sufficient notice will result in a default. Players who fail to appear after being placed in the draw remain liable for any entry fees for the event.

**Defaulting in a Tournament:** All tournaments in which a player is entered must be completed unless the player is unable to do so because of injury, illness or personal emergency as recognized by the designated tournament official.

**Punctuality:** Players are responsible for being ready to play when their match is called, which includes wearing proper attire, having already used the washroom facilities, and preparation of all their equipment.

**Illegal Drugs:** No Persons within the grounds, shall possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol or cannabis (other than medical cannabis pursuant to a doctor's prescription). The possession, or use, of illegal drugs by any person is forbidden. Penalties may also be imposed against players/members who are present when illegal drugs or alcohol is being used.

**Member's Information:** All member contact information shall remain private and confidential. Member contact information is restricted to, contacting a member who is scheduled to play but is not present at time of play, contacting a member to spare for a scheduled player or contacting a member in case of an emergency. Any person using a member's private information for any other purpose will be deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct and is subject to consequences as deemed reasonably appropriate by the Board of Directors.

**Disciplinary Procedures:** A breach of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary powers are described both in the QPTC policy document and the QPTC bylaws.