

Bishopthorpe Tennis Club
2022 Season

Junior Newsletter

Welcome everyone to the coming 2022 Season. We are looking forward to playing lots of tennis in the days ahead.

This short newsletter is aimed at the parents of our junior members. The LTA has encouraged us to be more aware of child protection issues and have supported us in the writing of a Code of Conduct and Safe Guarding Policy. These are both on our Bishopthorpe Tennis Club website and we encourage you to read them both. Everyone who joins BLTC is signing up to follow our Code of Conduct and this includes our younger members. We really value our junior members and hope the start they get with us will lead to many years of playing tennis both at club and match level.

Our Junior Coaching sessions are on a Sunday Evening and they are divided into slots depending on age and ability. For the younger children we ask that parents stay with the children while the session is occurring. As they get older it is your decision to leave them with the coaches who are all DBS checked. Junior members are allowed to come and play on the courts when there are no matches or allocated adult training sessions. We ask that they do not enter the club house unless an adult is with them. The toilets are accessible and there is drinking water in there if they need it.

If children under 14 are invited to attend adult club nights or coaching we would ask a parent/carer stay with them during the session. For older juniors this is not a requirement as this is the age where parental consent is given to go to a tennis club alone. At the end of the session please ensure your son/daughter is aware they should not be alone with a single adult of either sex, there should always be at least 2 other adult members there. This is to protect them and the adults. Also by being at an adult session we assume they have permission to arrive and walk home alone.

Some juniors may be asked to play in U16 and U18 junior matches or even adult matches. In this instance we may have to drive to various venues. If the child is U12 we would ask their parents/relatives to transport them and remain with them. If they are U16/18 we would ask you to transport them as otherwise there would need to be 2 adults present and one would need to have a current DBS certificate.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our Chairman Paul on 07500872314 or our Safeguarding officer Andrene on 07449057170 and we will try to answer your queries.