

# AVON COUNTY LEAGUES

## Code of Conduct (2018)

*(All references to the masculine include also the feminine gender)*

All participants in all Leagues organised by Avon County League Committee must act within the LTA Rules and Regulations.

A player shall, during all matches and at all times within a site where a League match is played conduct himself in an acceptable manner as set out below.

In addition any member of a Registered Place to Play, supporter or relative of a player and/or team shall be under a similar obligation and sanctions can be applied to the player and/or team for any failure on the part of such club member, supporter or relative to fulfil such an obligation

1. All players and teams must respect the rules of the Leagues that are organised by the Avon County League Committee as set out in the League handbook.
2. All players must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
3. A player shall at all times conduct himself in a sportsmanlike manner with due regard to the LTA rules, Avon County League rules, and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
4. A player shall use his best efforts to win a match and must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so.
5. A player shall not use an audible obscenity, or make an obscene gesture of any kind.
6. A player shall not violently, dangerously or in anger, hit, kick or throw a tennis ball, racket or other equipment.
7. A player shall not at any time verbally abuse any other player, supporter, spectator or other person.
8. A player shall not at any time physically abuse any other player, supporter, spectator or other person.
9. Protests concerning a player must, in the first instance, be reported to a member of the operational committee of the P2P who, if considered appropriate, can approach the Secretary of the League Committee with an official complaint in writing. Complaints must be placed within 10 working days of the match to which they refer. After considering statements from all teams involved in the protest(s), the League Committee shall cause its decision to be notified in writing to the complainant and the alleged offender. If the League Committee's decision is disputed the matter shall be dealt with under Rule 10 of the Summer League Rules and Regulations.